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From palaces and prisons come classes of people in Britain who cannot vote tomorrow. Modern Times talks to the disenfranchised few.
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Bernard Levin argues that the real threat to democracy in Britain comes not from the Communist Party or the Militant Tendency, but from the quiet men of the "fascist left".
Mailers' plunge
Norman Mailer's new novel about ancient Egypt and modern America is published. *The Times* critic finds it a plunge to disaster.

Massacre Nazi jailed for life

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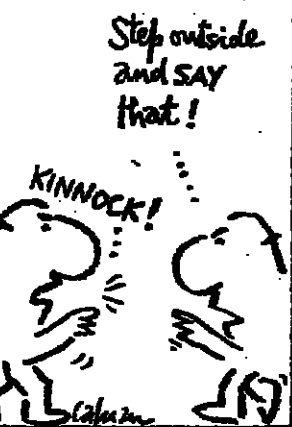
Talks intended to get the strike-bound *Financial Times* back into publication before polling day were continuing, apparently with little prospect of a settlement. Mirror Group Newspapers has quadrupled its profits to £8.1m. Pages 2, 17, 18

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Peers move out

Two neighbouring peers are to give up their family homes because of financial pressures. Lord Devon is to rent Powderham Castle while Lord Clifford of Chudleigh is to move to Guernsey. Page 3



Summit hope

All-night talks were taking place in Addis Ababa to win over a number of boycotting states of the Organisation of African Unity. A spokesman said it was proposed that the summit would open today. Earlier report, page 7

Trafalgar fails

Trafalgar House tried to raise its stake in P & O to 4.9 per cent but failed as P & O's shares rose 2p above the bid price of 207p. Page 17

Middlesex top

Middlesex, last year's county champions, moved to the top of the table after beating Kent by four wickets at Dartford. This was despite Underwood who took six for 44. Page 24

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Jenkins and Steel split over future of nuclear deterrent

- A rift has appeared between Mr Roy Jenkins and Mr David Steel over the future of Britain's nuclear deterrent
- Latest opinion polls show Conservatives heading for a landslide, with the Alliance and Labour battling for a poor second place.
- Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, offered voters in the Labour heartlands a share in power by electing Conservative MPs.
- A father who lost his son in the action at Bluff Cove supported Mr Neil Kinnock's television outburst against Mrs Thatcher.
- Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Industry, said at Peterborough that he expected a drop in interest rates after the election.
- "Fringe" parties in the election come under one general heading of "Others" but are united only by the certainty of forfeiting their deposits (page 4).

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Roy Jenkins, the Alliance prime minister-designate, yesterday exposed a fundamental rift with Mr David Steel over the future of the British nuclear deterrent.

Both party leaders told an Alliance press conference that the Polaris force should be included in merged strategic and intermediate nuclear disarmament talks at Geneva.

But Mr Jenkins then added that if those talks failed to produce a breakthrough, an Alliance government would keep an independent British deterrent as a last resort weapon, for the foreseeable future.

There is no mention of an independent deterrent in the joint manifesto of the two parties and Mr Steel has previously insisted, in agreement with Dr David Owen, that Polaris should be under NATO control as part of the Western deterrent.

The Liberal leader said in a key speech on December 16: "Liberals have always opposed the concept of an independent nuclear deterrent, believing it to be either surplus to collective Western action or useless when challenged independently. I have never found convincing the argument that 'tearing off the arm' of the Soviet bear would be a comforting thought."

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He told *The Times*, after he had made that speech, that he had reached agreement with Dr Owen "on the no-independent-use and the assigning to NATO."

Mr Jenkins said yesterday: "We are not wedded to an independent British deterrent, but equally we do not believe in

careful formula so often used by Mr Michael Foot during the election campaign: 'The position in the manifesto is the position which both parties have endorsed. Of course, we want to phase out Polaris as soon as possible, within the context of bilateral negotiations with the Soviet Union.'"

He added: "There is no question of unilaterally phasing out Polaris. It is a question of negotiating Polaris away in return for reductions on the Soviet side."

The Liberal leader made no comment on independent use of the deterrent, but it is understood that he stands by the views expressed last December, a faithful reflection of Liberal Party sensitivities on the issue.

The similarities with Labour's defence difficulties are remarkable, even to the point of Mr Steel reflecting Mr Foot and Mr Enoch Powell's views about "national suicide".

He also evidently feels that the manifesto can be used to cover the underlying divide which persists between himself, Dr Owen and Mr Jenkins.

Ironically, Mr Jenkins volunteered a statement on Alliance defence and disarmament policies at the start of the press conference, in order to criticize "contradictions" in Conservative policy and "confusions" in Labour policy.

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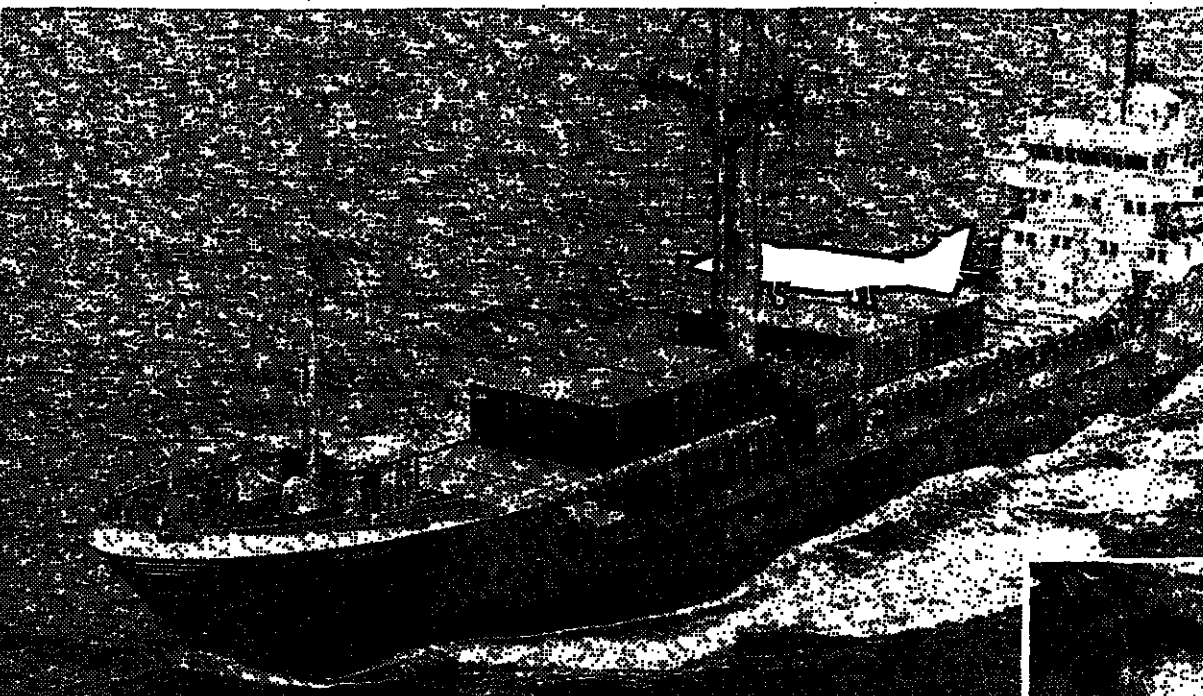
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Harrier force lands on deck cargo



The *Alraigo* (above), on which Sub-lieutenant Watson (right) landed his Sea Harrier.

Pilot put down with one minute's fuel left

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

A Royal Navy Sea Harrier jump-jet, whose pilot made a dramatic forced landing on a Spanish cargo ship in the Atlantic, ending nose-up on containers, will be unloaded when the ship reaches the Canaries tomorrow.

The landing was made in force five winds, a the ship pitched in 11ft waves. The *Alraigo* touched down between a derrick and the ship's bridge.

Sub-lieutenant Ian Watson, aged 25, serving with the Aircraft carrier *Illustrations*, and speaking by radio telephone from the *Alraigo* as the vessel was bound for Tenerife yesterday, said he had found himself with fuel enough for only six to seven minutes flying after losing contact with the *Illustrations* on his way back from a sea reconnaissance mission on Monday night.

"I used my radar to find the nearest ship...I made a low pass to see if I could land on its deck, which was filled by containers."

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Spending boost for Tories

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The Government's economic policies received a pre-election boost yesterday from the latest batch of official statistics.

These show record consumer spending on the shops, only modest rises in the prices charged by British industry for goods leaving factories and a slowdown in money growth, pointing the way to a possible cut in interest rates after the election.

But other figures confirm a sharp deterioration in Britain's balance of payments surplus on current account as imports have surged, while huge sums continue to flow into assets abroad, including overseas stocks and shares.

Price increases charged by industry for goods at the factory gate are continuing to moderate, helped by a drop in the cost of fuel and raw materials in the past couple of months because of the strengthening pound, and by the slowdown in pay deals.

Meanwhile, news of record business in the shops in April will buoy hopes for continuing economic recovery, while the announcement that money growth in the month to mid-May was less than half the exceptional April increase has allayed City fears that interest rates might have to rise soon to curb excessive monetary expansion.

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Duchess of Kent told to rest

The Duchess of Kent has cancelled all her official engagements for the next two months on the advice of her doctors, it was announced yesterday.

The Duchess, aged 50, has been told she needs more time to recover from an operation she had in April to remove an ovarian cyst. A spokesman at York House said: "A longer period for recuperation than was at first expected is necessary so that her royal highness can regain her weight and strength following her operation."

The spokesman stressed: "There is no serious underlying cause for her condition."

The Duchess was said to be "very disappointed" at having to cancel her engagements for June and July, which included official visits to Wimbledon.

The operation to remove the cyst was carried out at the King Edward VII's Hospital, for Officers in London, where the Duchess has been a patient several times in recent years.

The Duchess left hospital on May 1 and returned to York House to convalesce. She was determined to be seen again in public as soon as possible after the operation but she has had to cancel a number of engagements on medical advice.

The Duke of Kent, who was due to undertake a number of the engagements with his wife, will now make the visits on his own.

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Health of Andropov declines rapidly

Moscow (AP) - The health of Mr Yuri Andropov apparently has taken a sharp turn for the worse. Sources who have seen the Soviet party leader in the past two days say he needs assistance in walking and that his right hand shook uncontrollably at a dinner given in honour of President Mamo Koivisto of Finland.

Three independent sources said two aides supported Mr Andropov yesterday: Supported by aides

Andropov, who turns 69 next Wednesday, at either elbow as he walked into a Kremlin banquet hall on Monday night. He needed assistance in sitting down and again upon rising to leave.

The sources said that Mr Andropov apparently felt unsteady enough to remain seated while delivering his speech and that his right hand shook

uncontrollably when he reached out to receive a written version of President Koivisto's reply.

Mr Andropov appears to have lost much weight since he became party leader. An official Soviet source reported recently that Mr Andropov suffers from Parkinson's disease. Others have said that he has heart and kidney problems, which reportedly forced him to seek hospital treatment in March.

The health of the Soviet leader takes on special significance in this period leading up to a session of the Supreme Soviet, the Soviet Parliament, starting on June 16.

Such meetings are traditionally preceded by meetings of the Communist Party's Central Committee which rubber stamps important decisions taken by the ruling Politburo.

Mr Andropov, as General Secretary of the party, is the head of the 11-member Politburo.

He is believed to be facing a stiff challenge from Mr Konstantin Chernenko, aged 71, the man the late Mr Brezhnev was said to have selected as his successor.

Mr Chernenko, reported by the same sources to have looked frail at the Koivisto dinner, was in hospital last month with pneumonia.

Sources who saw Mr Andropov in person a year ago say the change in his appearance points to a rapid decline in his health.

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Heseltine appeals to Labour heartlands

By Anthony Bevins and Philip Webster

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, last night put a new twist on poll forecasts of a Conservative landslide by offering voters in the Labour heartlands a passport to the corridors of power - the election of Tory MPs for their constituencies.

He said in a speech in Birmingham: "This election now provides the British with a little-perceived but deeply important opportunity."

"The advances the Conservatives are now making provide an opportunity for the whole of Britain to share more fully in the power of the next Conservative Government. It is important that they should."

"The responsible use of that power by a strong Conservative Government with Conservative MPs arguing their cases within the party of government itself, offers a prospect of national unity of vivid proportions."

"To the people of the Midlands, the North, Scotland and Wales, all of us who wish to see the regions speak with a loud voice, anyone who seeks to narrow the divide between north and south, the Conservative Party offers a passport to the corridors of power."

Mr Heseltine said that Conservative MPs for the inner cities could speak for council tenants who were regarded as "politically-harassed" second

class citizens by the socialists, and Conservative candidates "waiting now to serve the nation" could speak "directly on behalf of shopfloor workers."

He concluded: "We seek a nation unified. Nothing can so unite the widest interests of all our people now than the mainstream of our national life, every part of this country of ours, the cities, the towns and countryside, industrial and commercial heartlands, the rural communities; all have their voice within the parliamentary Conservative Party."

● Mrs Margaret Thatcher last night asked for a decisive mandate tomorrow, from what she called a landmark general election.

Voicing confidence in the outcome, "because we believe we have won the argument" she pledged that there would be no extremes in the next five years whatever her majority; but she said the larger the majority and the greater the total vote for the Conservative Party the greater would be the sense of unity and agreement in Britain and the greater would be her government's authority abroad.

Making the last major speech of her campaign, at Fleetwood, Lancashire, Mrs Thatcher said that the election was about a choice between a steady sensible and resolute government and an extreme and erratic opposition.

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Kinnock in tears over father's call

By Barrie Clement

After his remarks about Mrs Margaret Thatcher's attitude to the Falklands war, a tearful Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday spoke on the telephone to the father of a soldier who was killed in action at Bluff Cove.

Mr Don Thomas, whose son Glyn was lost on the Sir Galahad, said that he fully supported Mr Kinnock's remark about the Prime Minister on Monday on TV South's *The South Decides*.

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Private schools increase pupil share despite large rise in charges

By Frances Gibb

Private schools have increased their share of the school population despite a 10 per cent rise in fees in the past year, according to a survey published yesterday.

But independent head teachers said yesterday that they did wish private schools to benefit from further cuts in funding on state schools. They would threaten the private sector's survival.

The survey, by the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis), shows that the number of pupils at independent schools dropped this year 3,000, or 1.1 per cent, a fall in numbers for the second year running because of a dip in birthrate.

But there had been a much greater drop, estimated at 3.2 per cent, or 250,000, in the state sector in the 12 months up to January.

Independent schools increased their fees by an average 10 per cent in 1982, often to improve staff-pupil ratios, now 17 and 1 to 15 respectively for boys' and girls' senior schools.

Average annual fees at independent schools in January were £3,080 for boarders; £1,930 for pupils at combined day and boarding schools and £1,275 for pupils at day schools.

Fees among the main boys' independent schools, which are more expensive, vary from £300 to £1,200 a term for day fees, and from £800 to £1,700 a term for boarders.

But head teachers warned at a press conference in London yesterday of the dangers of further spending cuts which would widen the gap between the two sectors.

Mr Roger Ellis, chairman of the Headmasters' Conference and Master of Marlborough College, said: "It is a very short term view to think we benefit from fewer resources in the state sector."

Independent schools benefited from a healthy, prosperous education system as a whole, he said. "If the maintained sector is starved of further resources, the differences between the two sectors become greater and greater and the politics of envy that much sharper." That could make

abolition of private schools more likely, Mr Ellis added.

Another head teacher, Mrs Pauline Mathias, president of the Girls' Schools Association and headmistress of More House School, London, said: "We do not want more spending on assisted places at the expense of the maintained sector, but more money generally for that sector."

The survey showed that although the number of pupils helped by the Government's assisted places scheme in its second year rose to 5,100, that was offset by 3,000 fewer places taken up by local authorities at the schools, at 16,930.

A number of pupils left their schools at 15-plus to go either to state schools and sixth-form colleges or, in the case of girls, to boys' schools, although that trend is thought to be declining.

A preparatory school in Thanet, Kent, is to close next month. Parents of 73 boys at Grenham House, Birchington, have been told the school must close because the number of pupils will drop to 50 by September.

Vietnamese grudge killed 7, court told

Two Vietnamese refugees tried out a revenge attack on illegal Soho gambling club, arising with a fire in which seven people died, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Only Mr Johnny Ploom, aged 3, survived the fire in the basement club in Gerrard Street, the centre of London's Chinese communities, Mr Roy Miot, for the prosecution, said.

Vu Linh Nguyen, aged 24, of nights House, Huntsman Street, Walworth, and Van Minh Phan, aged 21 of Rutland House, Milner Estate, Woolwich, both south London, deny arson and murder. Both arrived in Britain in 1979.

On July 17, a number of Vietnamese, including Van Minh Phan, were gambling at the club, Mr Miot said. One of them won £70 and the party became excited and noisy. An argument began and one of the Vietnamese was asked to leave.

The others followed and a fight started in the street. "The and of Vietnamese marched off down Gerrard Street, armed themselves with sticks and broken bottles and returned to

the club making a lot of noise and banging on parked cars."

When the police were called, the Vietnamese disappeared and the owners of the club decided to close for the night. At 1.30 am, the eight remaining people, all connected to the club, were preparing to go home.

"It was then that the Vietnamese reappeared, bent, as became terribly obvious, on the most savage revenge," Mr Miot said. They returned in a car owned by Vu Linh Nguyen and entered the club with sticks and a can of petrol.

"The occupants of the club were held at bay while petrol was poured over the gaming tables and area inside the door, and the Vietnamese set fire to it as they ran out", he said.

There was only one exit and seven of the eight men inside were trapped and killed. They included three Hong Kong Chinese who ran the club, the cleaner, a student and a Vietnamese who slept there.

Mr Ploom ran out of the club and later identified both defendants to the police. The trial continues today.

'Gandhi' to launch cable TV

By Bill Johnston

Electronics Correspondent

The Oscar-winning film *Gandhi* and *Chariots of Fire* will be two of the first products offered next year to British cable television operators by a new initiative from a consortium led by Goldcrest Films and Television.

The new company, which has yet to be named, will offer a television channel by satellite to cable operators, who will distribute the product for £8 to £10 a month to subscribers. The other partners are Columbia Pictures Industries, a subsidiary of Coca-Cola; CBS; Home Box Office, a subsidiary of Time Inc; and Twentieth-Century Fox Film Corporation.

Goldcrest will have 51 per cent of the equity although it is prepared to share that with another British company.

The group expects to use a satellite transponder leased from Mercury Communications, the private telecommunications network. The company, which does not expect to make a profit until the fourth year, could be in competition with Satellite Television, currently considering a bid for a 65 per cent share by News International.

Satellite Television will be transmitting on the new European satellite Eutelsat-1, due to be launched this month. The initial plan is to offer of news, sport, drama and comedy for about four hours a day, with programming called from British, American and Australian sources. Live sports coverage and news feature prominently in the company's future development plans.

Hail damage to crops could cost millions

By a Staff Reporter

The cost of damage to early potatoes, blackcurrants, lettuces and strawberries in the weekend hailstorms in southern England could run into millions of pounds, according to the National Farmers' Union.

One nursery near Bognor Regis in West Sussex, suffered an estimated £30,000 worth of damage when hailstones the size of walnuts broke 8,000 panes of glass.

The union said an area of West Sussex along the Chichester Plain was most severely affected by the storm.

Local video pirates the target for new group

By Kenneth Goaling

A new group to fight video pirates who sell their wares in public houses and clubs and trade from door to door is expected to start bringing local prosecutions next month.

Illegal dealers account for 60 per cent of all video films. It is in an attempt to stop their inroads into the legitimate trade that the organization, to be called Impact, has been set up.

The national problem is being dealt with by the Federation Against Copyright Theft (Fact) which yesterday announced raids in the London area yielding 2,200 pirate video cassettes from dealers and duplicators.

Mr Michael Traill, chairman of Impact, who runs a chain of video shops, mainly in Surrey, said: "The federation is going for the big boys - we are after the guy who runs off a few copies, puts them in the boot of his car and then goes from door to door putting them out at £1 a time."

Mr Michael Traill said Impact would not be a vigilante group. "All prosecutions will be through five solicitors we are appointing at the moment. Proof will be obtained by a

private investigation agency. Prosecutions could cost anything from £200 to £1,000 depending on the complexity of the case."

There are about 25,000 video retailers and they will be asked to pay £25 a year subscription.

While Impact nibbles at the problem on a local level, Fact is sifting information received by the public over the last six months in 3,000 letters and telephone calls.

Mr Robert Birch, director general of Fact, said they were building up extensive files on the "big boys" in organized crime, who were at the top of the video piracy pyramid.

Copying equipment worth hundreds of thousands of pounds has been confiscated, one set-up was capable of making 700 prerecorded tapes a day from one stolen master tape or film.

From July 13 a dealer can be fined £1,000 for every pirated video he sells and can be sent to prison.

One of Fact's main tasks, Mr Birch said, is to educate video dealers about the risks they are soon about to run by trading in pirated material.



Surgeon praises M5 victims' courage

From Our Correspondent, Exeter

A surgeon at the hospital which treated the children injured in the M5 coach crash on Monday, praised their courage yesterday. Dr Peter Bedford, head of the casualty department at the Royal Devon and Exeter hospital, said: "We have had very few tears, no hysterics and there have been a great many delightful smiles. They are a great credit to their parents and their school."

He admitted that some of the more severely injured children would face a rehabilitation battle. "Some of the children will face 12 to 18 months of review and revision as they just let their bodies heal as gently as possible."

The most badly injured girl will be transferred to a plastic surgery unit and the boy will be sent to a Liverpool hospital.

Dr Bedford added that some of the casualties would face lifelong problems with finger movements. One girl who plays a flute will find it difficult to continue because of the nature of her injuries.

Over the next two days three operating theatres will be made available for the original surgeons to review, revise and re-dress the wounds. Seventeen children will be operated on again. By the weekend a handful of youngsters, and two teachers still detained, Mrs Glenys Pownall, aged 45 and Mrs Janet Healey, aged 33, will be allowed home.

Dr Stephen Haseler, principal lecturer in politics at the City of London Polytechnic, accepted substantial undisclosed damages in settlement of a High Court libel action yesterday over an article in the *New Statesman*.

The article, published in February, 1981, linked his name with a geneticist who was alleged to hold views about "Nordic and Aryan superiority". Dr Haseler had sued *Statesman* and Nation Publishing, the magazine's printers, QB Ltd, Mr Bruce Page, who was then editor, and Mr Christopher Hitchens, who wrote the article.

Their counsel, Mr Desmond Browne, told Mr Justice French that they accepted that Dr Haseler had never held racist views, and apologized for the distress and embarrassment he had suffered.

Mr Parkes said Dr Haseler had always abhorred the views attributed to Mr Pearson and there was not a word of any suggestion to the contrary in any of his political or other writings.

Space shuttle goes home

The United States space shuttle prototype left Stansted airport, Essex, yesterday on the first leg of its flight back across the Atlantic after displaying in Europe. Thousands watched as the Boeing 747, which is carrying the shuttle, took off.

The two aircraft were to fly over Birmingham, Manchester and Glasgow before leaving British airspace. When the shuttle reached Birmingham, hundreds of people lined the streets to try to catch a glimpse.

Woman found dead at house

The body of a woman was found by police called to a house in Wilstone, Hartfordshire, on Monday, the police said yesterday. A post mortem examination is to be carried out.

The police said a man was being interviewed in connection with the incident. It is believed that the unnamed woman, who was in her early forties, was married.

Bus accident

An Eastern Counties double-deck bus carrying schoolchildren toppled on to its side and fell into a ditch at Somersham, Suffolk, yesterday. The 12 children, two adult passengers and driver were unhurt.

Financial pressures force two peers out of family homes

From Our Correspondent, Exeter

Two neighbouring peers have decided to give up their homes to live in cottages. Lord Devon is to rent out Powderham Castle and live in the grounds beside the River Exe, while Lord Clifford of Chudleigh and his wife are to move to the Channel Islands.

Financial advisers to Lord Clifford, aged 67, warned him that death duties would ruin his family and break up the estate. The estimated £1.5m could be raised only by selling the 3,000 acre estate at Ugbrooke House, near Exeter, which has been owned by Cliffords since 1560.

Lord Clifford said: "I am heartbroken at the thought of leaving but it is the only solution. I am putting Ugbrooke into a trust for my eldest son, Thomas, and we are moving to a little three-bedroom stone cottage on Guernsey. That way the estate will remain in the family."

When Lord Clifford inherited the estate in 1956 it was in a ruinous state. He has restored the house, bought back many treasures that had been sold off and three years ago opened the house to the public.

In a letter to his 13 tenants Lord Clifford says: "The plan put forward is that the estate is handed over to a trust for my son's family and that we move to the place I consider I have saved and financially I shall be much worse off, so no snide remarks about a tax haven please."

Lord Courtenay, aged 41, son of Lord Devon and owner of the fourteenth century Powderham Castle, home for his father, aged 66, and his mother, aged 75, has decided to offer the castle for rent.

Heavy financial losses were behind Lord Courtenay's decision.

Lord Courtenay who runs an agricultural business on the estate, said: "We are looking for



Lord Devon, top, and Lord Clifford

people who like to take on the problems of historic homes.

"Even in a good year the castle loses £15,000, despite cutting overheads to the bone. By letting the castle I will not have to sell it or the contents."

"But it costs more than £50,000 a year to run the house and gardens so it is not a suitable property for anyone who is not very wealthy."

Oppenheim to sell estate

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, the former consumer affairs minister, has put her Gloucestershire estate on the market with an asking price of about £1.5m.

Mrs Oppenheim, who is campaigning for a fifth term as Conservative MP for Gloucester, bought the Sandhurst estate, near the city, with her late

husband for almost £1m in 1972.

Part of the property, a 190-acre farm, was sold in 1979 for £454,000. The remaining 732 acres will be auctioned on July 28 in Gloucester.

Mrs Oppenheim could not be contacted yesterday to comment on the reasons for the sale.

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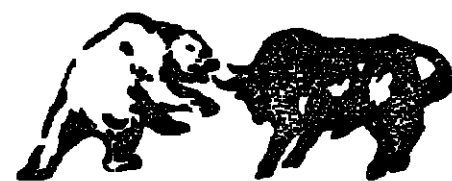
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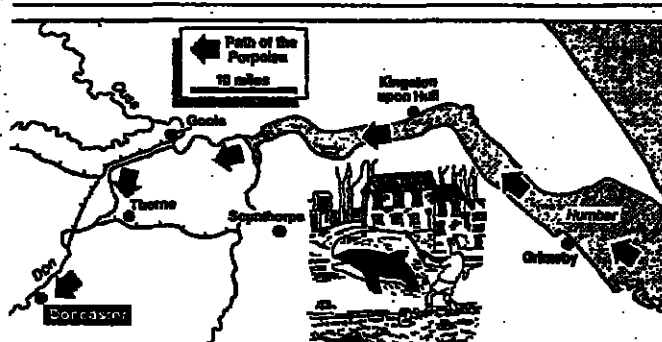


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Porpoise that swam to fame is moved on

A Porpoise was taken into protective custody yesterday for causing traffic jams on a busy road. Later it was taken by road to the North Sea where the South Yorkshire police felt it would be more at home. It was last seen by coastguards at Bridlington, who reported it to be "swimming quite happily out to sea".

The porpoise was first seen after it swam 80 miles inland from the sea at the weekend in the River Don at Doncaster. The police and the RSPCA decided to leave it alone, but the public decided it was a big attraction and thousands of cars, containing families

equipped with binoculars and cameras, poured into the town, creating traffic jams.

Early yesterday the police telephoned Flamingo Land Zoo, near Malton, North Yorkshire, and three experts were soon on their way.

The took with them Gallois of Llanol and an inflatable rubber boat to give the porpoise a comfortable bed after its capture.

Mr Neville Wilby, the zoo curator, hauled the porpoise out of the water into the boat. On reaching the riverbank, the creature was kept cool and comfortable with the Llanol and started his journey

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Fringe parties fight 300 seats in search of new political dawn

By Richard Evans

At first sight, Wally the Wellie, campaigning for subsidised cheese and pickle sandwiches on behalf of the Official Monster Raving Loony Party in Essex, has little in common with Clifford Slapper, the Socialist Party of Great Britain's token general election candidate standing in Islington, South.

But in the world of political opinion polls, the seismic policy gap between "Mr" Wally the Wellie and the other 300-odd fringe candidates standing tomorrow counts for nothing as they all gain automatic entry to an exclusive "party", euphemistically known as Others.

On a more practical level they are united by being electoral failures. The bounds of political speculation do not have to be stretched to realise that none of the minority candidates will be elected to Parliament; virtually all will lose their £150 deposit, and many will fail to pick a vote for every pound lost. So why do they do it?

As in some of the bigger parties, there is an ideological split within the Others. Apart from the Monster Raving Loony Party (swelled by the addition of the Green Chicken Alliance), Freddie's Alternative Medicine Party, the Fancy Dress Party and the Nobody Party, there is a second group that advances "serious" policies and manifestos, and which foresees electoral success, albeit some years away.

Out on its own this time is the Ecology Party, which is fielding 108 candidates. It is probably the most serious group taken seriously by the average voter. The party's main aim is to achieve 5 per cent of the vote on Thursday. That

would put them on a par with the Greens in West Germany who have 27 MPs thanks to proportional representation, as the Ecology Party is quick to point out.

"If the SDP/Liberal Alliance successfully demanded the introduction of PR we could then take off in quite a big way", Mr Colin McGrady, a member of the party's campaign team, says.

"In many ways we are in the same position as the Labour Party was at the end of the last century when faced with the Tory and Liberal stranglehold of Parliament. Suddenly they never looked back."

Ironically, the Revolutionary Communist Party, which is putting up four candidates, has discovered that money can be made out of elections. "You can raise as much money locally as you spend. We made a profit out of running a candidate in the Bournemouth by-election", Mr Pat Roberts says.

Not that cash is the electoral incentive for the RCP. Like all the other "serious" contenders, it is preparing for the new political dawn which, it says, is just round the corner. "We are doing this for the future. We don't think the present electoral system and balance of party forces can sustain things for long. People will look for new alternatives as a result of what is going on."

Also offering a distinctly different choice is the Workers Revolutionary Party, with its 21 candidates. Unlike the rest of the fringe, it does not automatically assume defeat. "We do not go into it expecting candidates not to be elected and we do not go into the campaign expecting our candidates will lose their deposits", Mr Colin Redgrave,

a member of the WRP's central committee, says.

The Communist Party has, in the distant past, tasted electoral victory, but this week the best it can hope for from its 35 nominees is a retained deposit in the Rhonda.

"We conduct fairly consistent political activity. If we did not take part in elections we would not be regarded as a serious political party. I don't think we should consider ourselves as a political party," Mr Gerry Pocock, the party's campaign organizer, says.

"We get quite an encouraging response to our campaign and we increase membership. Most people have not got a clue what our policies are. They have an idea of our image from the media and I think we are a sinister manipulative organization that is controlling CND, and God knows what else."

"Our experience is that when people come into contact with our politics and living communists they get a completely different impression."

At the other end of the political rainbow, the National Front has shrunk its election effort compared to 1979 when 303 candidates stood - and all lost their deposit. This time 60 candidates are espousing the Front's extreme right-wing views.

"We see the whole exercise as building up our organization and membership. We will make a profit out of fighting this election", Mr Michael Salt, the Front's administrative officer, says. "It lets people know we are still very much around."

All the minority parties say they are determined to keep contesting elections. But a £1,000 deposit may finally obliterate the mirage of political glory for the fringe.

Saatchis win the advertisers' vote

By David Hewson

If the scent of election victory is already wafting around Downing Street, it is positively overwhelming in the environs of Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency contracted to handle the account which aims to return the Conservatives to No 10.

A survey of London advertising agency chiefs revealed this week that, whatever their political leanings, most admired the Saatchis' strident election advertising. "They should be invited to the first post-election cocktail party, even if they do not want to go," one agency chairman said, reflecting the widespread belief that there was some initial reluctance on the part of the Saatchi brothers to take on the account which they handled so successfully for Mrs Thatcher in 1979.

But Saatchis' prizes may be short-lived. The very impact of the Tory campaign is likely to increase the pressure for some form of legal control on the funds used for political advertising. While the law exercises strict regulation of the funds used by individual parliamentary candidates as election expenses, and frequently inflicts an embarrassing punishment on minor and inadvertent offenders, the big guns of the national campaigns are totally unfettered.

Mr Tony Bodhertz, vice-chairman of the KMP agency, one of Labour's advertising advisers in 1979, and today a member of the SDP, said: "I would ban advertising and opinion polls throughout the campaign. It would be the only way to equalize the advantage. There is no institutional way in which each party can be given equal amounts to spend on its own campaign. The present rules are grossly unfair."

All the major parties refuse to say how much they spend on media campaigns. Unofficial estimates suggest that the Conservatives' total budget of £20m includes at least £2m for advertising, while nearly half of Labour's £2m budget will go the same way. The Alliance, affected by cash difficulties which have not yet been fully detailed, has virtually abandoned conventional media for posters on the sides of vans.

Mr Nick Grant, Labour's director of publicity, said: "I do not think advertising wins or loses elections. But some of our advertising is aimed at uncertain Labour voters."

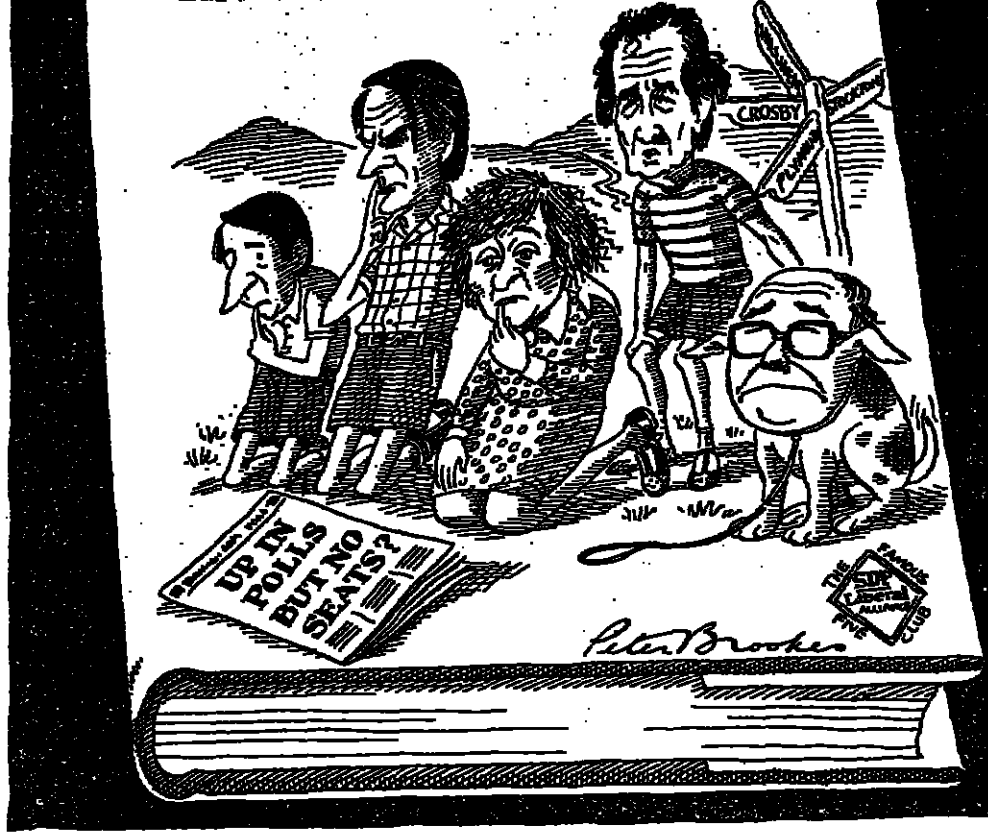
Mr Winston Fletcher, chairman of the Ted Bates agency, said: "All the research evidence suggests that advertising is a very peripheral influence, affecting 1 or 2 per cent of voters. It is primarily there to rally the troops rather than to make converts."

The chief dissenter is Mr Tim Delaney, creative partner of Leagas Delaney, and another former Labour supporter now floating in the direction of the SDP.

"All the campaigns have been disappointing. The SDP posters were found to be at best confusing and at worst offensive. The Labour campaign is a reflection of what the party wants to say rather than what the public wants to hear. It is about pessimism and gloom."

Mr John Mallows, media director of Young & Rubicam, was more to the point. "The only campaign I have really been aware of is the Conservative Party campaign, which I regard as superb. The copy is hard-hitting and I like the trenchant way it has spelt out a number of issues which seems to reflect the Thatcherite approach."

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Regional survey

Disenchantment favours Tories

By Arthur Osman

The Labour Party's failure to convince the 16.4 per cent unemployed of the West Midlands that they have solutions to the region's most crucial issue will probably cost them dearly tomorrow.

Local opinion polls have suggested that up to 13 Labour seats may be lost and despite three visits to the area by Mr Michael Foot and other members of the Shadow Cabinet, there has been little to stem the tide and bolster support.

The failure has been lamentable and the predicted role of the region as one of the election's main cockpits has not materialized. The forecast vote is not dividing along the "two nation" line of employed and unemployed as was predicted.

There are a few worse examples in Britain, of the extreme effects of the economic deterioration in a once proud and prosperous area.

Labour has failed to provide sufficient answers for its regeneration with a campaign of remarkable sterility and lack of credibility. In particular they have failed to convince the electorate that they have viable plans to raise the vast sums of money necessary to foot the bill to create more jobs.

A significant, if as yet little

regarded fact that could have made its mark was Mrs Margaret Thatcher's appointment of Mr John Butcher from Coventry, South-west, as minister with special responsibilities for the region.

He took up the post only days before the election was announced but it was an important signpost of the Government's intent to reverse the slide to oblivion. Mr Butcher can expect that his appointment will merit an increased personal vote on his present 5,654 majority.

The electorate, clearly more sophisticated than Labour would allow, seems to have spotted the holes in the manifesto and has drifted away in large numbers.

One of the most illuminating holes of all was in Birmingham, Yardley which is said to be one of the two most working class Conservative seats in Britain. Asked which party would be best at reducing local unemployment, Labour and Conservative tied at 34 per cent each.

That Jeffery Barr might lose Mr Jeffrey Rooker would be sad, but assiduous attention to constituency and other matters such as he and others have shown are unlikely to account

for much in the hours ahead.

The region's only ethnic candidates are both fighting for the Conservatives in Birmingham. However, Mrs Pramilla Le Hunte at Ladywood and Mr Paul Nischal at Small Heath, both Asian, seem unlikely to get elected in the projected landslide. But it is known that Mrs Le Hunte's chances, particularly in persuading many entrepreneurial Asians to her side, have led some Conservative officials to stake modest amounts with their bookmakers on a surprise win.

The Alliance is confident that the movement to them in the poll presages substantial achievements with support generally holding at about 13 per cent. Their best prospect is at Hereford.

Having canvassed 75 per cent of the constituency, Liberals say Labour support has fallen to about 6 per cent. The Alliance also has hopes at Wyre Forest, Shrewsbury and at Atcham, Mid-Shropshire, Ludlow, Nuneaton and The Wrekin.

One Liberal official said: "Very few places south of Stoke-on-Trent are now safe for Labour with their failure to provide real solutions to the unemployed's most pressing problem."

Paisley band hits the road

From Richard Ford, Belfast

For the third time that evening the voice called for quiet while the Loyalist band struck up and the unmistakable sound of the "big man" led everyone in God Save the Queen.

The tune was destined to be sung with unshamed fervour at every stop on a gruelling schedule of canvassing by the Rev. Ian Paisley on a damp misty night in his North Antrim constituency. Around him the uniformed Royal Ulster Constabulary men were at attention together with the armed, plain clothes officers who shadow his every move.

A small group of working class men and women sang with intensity, cars on the main road halted and only a few teenage

youths shuffled in apparent embarrassment at the display of patriotism.

But Mr Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, feels no such embarrassment, whether it is loudly singing the National Anthem to a tiny crowd or holding up the traffic while he marches at the head of the John Calvin Memorial Band before crowds which are small compared with those he used to attract.

In the small villages of the Bannside, where he began his political career, Ulster's loyalty is proclaimed for all to see. The kerbstones are painted red, white and blue and the red hand of Ulster is often painted on the road.

Mr Paisley enjoys his canvass-

ing as he marches at the head of a band. He greets constituents with a wave and a shake of his rolled umbrella.

Are they drawn by the band or to catch a glimpse of the man who loudly proclaims himself leader of Ulster's Protestants?

It is probably a bit of both, but Mr Paisley is an old worker who knows that few Ulstermen can resist a band. The smallest estate is never missed, thought in the obvious middle-class areas he restricts himself to driving in a car urging people to support him from a loudspeaker. But working class areas that are his natural constituency are treated to a thunderous message. They are praised for their support and fidelity.

The core of his message is aimed at Pearce McMahon, the Provisional Sinn Féin candidate whom he castigates as the "Ballymoney bomber". His voice rising, Mr Paisley shouts: "Now, in the heartland of loyal County Antrim, this IRA frontman is standing. I want you to help me to devastate him at this election."

The canvass finishes with a reminder to everyone to vote for him as the man who is for God and Ulster prepared to defend the faith and freedom of "our beloved province."

Then he is off, a cavalcade of cars, many bearing the words "Jesus saves" on their windscreen, travelling to the next village.

It is a punishing pace, but he is recognised as a formidable campaigner who has built a powerful base which should secure him another five years at Westminster on Thursday.



Old trooper: Mr Paisley out canvassing.

CONSTITUENCY PROFILE Bradford W

SDP man tests personal vote

CANDIDATES

E. Lyons (SDP/All)

S. Day (C)

M. Madden (Lab)

Mrs B. Staughton (WRP)

Calculating the strength of a personal vote is causing Mr Edward Lyons some agony at the moment. The sitting member for Bradford West claims to have achieved the biggest swing to Labour of any MP in England and Wales at the last general election, but two years ago he left Labour for the Social Democrats.

June 9 will tell him how much his impressive build-up of the Labour vote in the city was due to his personal account, how many former Labour or Tory supporters he has been able to persuade to the SDP view and how much the swing to Labour was caused by the simple fact that the social shape of the constituency had changed and more Labour voters had moved there.

The local election results were not promising for Mr Lyons. The SDP came third, although he insists that result will not automatically be repeated in a general election when people were more awake to the issues. "I understand the difficulties here and Bradford cannot afford to lose any more jobs. In the Labour areas there is a tremendous bitterness against Mrs Thatcher. The textile mill have suffered an

Profile of Bradford West

1981 % Own Occ 61.2

1981 % Loc Auth 27.2

1981 % Black/Asian 2.8

1981 % Mid cl 41.9

1981 % Prof man 12.4

1979 electorate 71,347

1979 % SDP/All national result: Lab 7,900

Key: % Owner Occ: proportion owning their own homes; % Loc auth: proportion of council housing; % Black/Asian: proportion from non-white ethnic groups; % Mid cl: proportion of non-manual workers; % Prof man: proportion of professional, managerial, and independent business; % SDP/All national result: calculation of what result would have been in 1979 in new boundary constituencies by last SDP/All study team.

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CONSTITUENCY PROFILE Dulwich

Taverne eclipsed by Tories

CANDIDATES

G. Bowden (C)

R. Baker (Eco)

Miss C. Hoey (Lab)

D. Taverne (SDP/All)

R. W. Vero (Loony Socy)

Mr Dick Taverne, the former minister, Labour rebel, star of television and radio and seasoned election campaigner, thinks he has a good chance of winning highly marginal Dulwich for the SDP. His opponents say he has no chance.

When he fought last year's by-election in neighbouring Peckham, he came second to issues like defence and because the northern Barset ward, a socialist stronghold, has gone under the boundary changes to Peckham.

Miss Kate Hoey, aged 34, a co Antrim Protestant socialist who describes herself as the "sensible left" Labour candidate, believes she has done enough in the constituency in the last 18 months, including a lot of social casework in the northern council estates, to offset the loss of Barset.

Miss Hoey, a former Northern Ireland high jump champion who is now educational adviser to Arsenal Football Club and a senior lecturer at Kingsway College, adds: "I am convinced I will hold Dulwich with an increased majority. When the Tory vote is strong Mr Taverne is taking some votes, but he is not getting into the council estates."

She admits to encountering doubts among Labour supporters about Mr Michael Foot

Profile of Dulwich

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Arafat flies to Delhi to seek non-aligned movement's backing

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Mr Yasser Arafat, the beleaguered chairman of the Palesine Liberation Organization arrived here yesterday for a swift series of meetings with Mrs Indira Gandhi and her advisers.

The visit bore every sign of having been hastily arranged. Late on Monday evening, the Indian Foreign Ministry declared they did not know whether he was coming or not, and when he arrived from Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, early in the morning he was met by the Prime Minister and Mr P. V. Narasimha Reddy, the External Affairs Minister. But there was no turn out of diplomats, such as marked his last visit here last summer, and no ceremonies.

Observers speculated that Mr Arafat was visiting those leaders who have been close to him in order to secure their continued support, and to invite their help in reinforcing his position. In particular, he is said to be feeling the lack of a public statement of support from the Soviet Union.

Mr Arafat, who was given a room in the Presidential Palace, held two hours of talks with Mrs Gandhi, and then had lunch with her.

According to the Foreign Minister, he told Mrs Gandhi that reports of growing dissension within the PLO were "grossly exaggerated" and that the situation was under control. In return, Mrs Gandhi was said to have assured him of the continued and complete support of the non-aligned movement for the Palesinian cause.

After his day in Delhi, Mr Arafat flew to Aden. At the airport he referred to the internal troubles of the PLO and declared that it was not the first time that Colonel Gaddafi of Libya had tried to interfere in the organization.

Oradour massacre Nazi is given life

Berlin (Reuters & AP) - An East German judge yesterday jailed for life Heinz Barth, aged 62, a former Nazi officer convicted of war crimes in France and Czechoslovakia. The court dismissed a defence plea for leniency on the ground that Barth was under orders.

"He not only carried out orders and murdered people who had nothing to do with the war, but did so with great commitment, ensuring that his subordinates also fulfilled them precisely," Judge Heinz Hingst said.



'Murderous rifleman': Heinz Barth listens to the judge.

Barth sat quietly at the side of the court during the session, speaking only to tell the judge he had understood his right to appeal within seven days. The judge said Barth was a convicted Nazi who "unscrupulously carried out every order to kill".

In Czechoslovakia in June and July, 1942, he had volunteered for firing squads and shot or stood guard as others shot partisans in a wave of killings in reprisal for the capture of Nazi Major Reinhard Heydrich, the judge said.

On June 10, 1944, he was a member of a company that sealed off the French village of Oradour-sur-Gane and systematically wiped out most of the population, killing 642 people.

Barth's lawyer, Herr Friedrich Wolff, had pleaded in mitigation that Barth had, in part, acted under orders and as a young man was "caught up in the guilt of his people". The judge said if the fact that Barth, a married man with two sons, had led an exemplary life in East Germany since 1946 it did not outweigh the seriousness of the crimes and did not demand leniency.

Calling him a "murderous rifleman" the judge went on: "The crimes of the accused are extremely serious. They are marked by an unscrupulous disregard for life and the dignity of man."

Barth could have been sentenced to death but there have been no known executions in East Germany in recent years.

Barth was sentenced to death in his absence by a tribunal in Bordeaux, France, in 1953.

Andropov's offer as Start resumes

Moscow meets objections on nuclear-free Baltic

Moscow (NYT) - Mr Yuri Andropov, renewing a long-standing Soviet proposal for a nuclear free zone in northern Europe, says that the idea could be extended to the Baltic Sea.

The Soviet leader, speaking at a dinner for Mr Mauno Koivisto, the visiting Finnish President, said the Soviet Union was ready to discuss with other nations the question of giving nuclear-free status to the Baltic.

Mr Andropov spoke after signing an agreement extending for 20 years the treaty of friendship and cooperation that has governed relations between Finland and the Soviet Union since 1948.

The treaty has been the basis of the generally cooperative and uncritical stance that Finland has adopted. The Soviet proposal for a nuclear-free zone for the Nordic countries is at least 25 years old, but has failed to attract the endorsement of Denmark, Norway and Sweden, at whom it is principally aimed.

In his speech, Mr Andropov attempted to meet two of the objections put forward by opponents. One has been that the Soviet formulation does not include the Baltic, which is used by Soviet vessels with nuclear warheads.

Another is the absence in the original proposal of any provisions for removing nuclear

weapons from land areas of the Soviet Union near the Nordic countries.

That problem has been dealt with in recent years by saying that the Soviet Union is ready to consider measures concerning the nuclear status of its nearby territory. Mr Andropov repeated that undertaking on Monday.

Sopran months ago, a military spokesman, Colonel-General Nikolai Chernov, said that, if the Baltic was declared a nuclear-free zone, the Soviet Navy would withdraw six missile-carrying submarines that are based there.

Western experts identified the submarines in question as older vessels, each carrying three missiles, that were being phased out of service. They said that modern missile-carrying submarines were based at Severodvinsk on the White Sea and at Polyarny, near Murmansk, on the Kola Peninsula, near Norway and Sweden.

● BRUSSELS: Mr Andropov's call is meaningless because the area is within easy reach of Soviet missiles, Nato sources claimed yesterday, according to Reuters.

The Soviets have weapons capable of reaching targets 3,000 miles away, so a nuclear-free zone in the Baltic would be meaningless," the sources said.

● COPENHAGEN: Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish Foreign Minister, said yesterday that Mr Andropov's proposal was interesting but needed further elaboration, AP reports.

US change of tack expected at Geneva

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

Straight from last-minute consultations at the White House, General Edward Rowney, United States delegate to the Start (Strategic weapons) negotiations with the Soviet Union, was arriving in Geneva this morning with his delegation. The first meeting in the new round is expected to take place during the afternoon.

The negotiations began in June last year.

The Soviet delegation returned to Geneva on Monday without its leader, Mr Victor Karpov. His deputy, Mr Aleksei Oboukhov, said only that he was "not well".

In a prepared statement, Mr Oboukhov said that the Soviet Union would continue the talks "in an active and constructive spirit". They wanted "deep reductions of strategic arms in their entirety in the interests of lowering the level of military confrontation and diminishing the risk of nuclear war".

In the parallel negotiations on tactical (medium range) missiles in Geneva the going is said to be heavy. There was only one formal meeting last week, instead of the usual two.

● WASHINGTON: President Reagan consulted his senior national security advisers on a proposal for demonstrating more United States flexibility in negotiations, Mohsin Ali writes.

The White House spokesman said that the President would soon announce decisions on a new position based on a recommendation that warheads, not missiles, be counted in proposed cuts in United States and Soviet nuclear arsenals.

The United States position would incorporate some of the recommendations of the President's commission on strategic forces, chaired by General Brent Scowcroft. The commission's recent report called for the deployment in the United States of the MX missile and "vigorous pursuit" of negotiated arms control.

The report argued that emphasis should be placed on verifiable reductions of warheads rather than missiles because this would lead to deeper and more genuine cuts. At the start of negotiations last July the United States proposed limiting each side to 850 land- and sea-based ballistic missiles, and reducing the number of long-range nuclear warheads by about one-third to 5,000 each.

The Soviet Union has proposed a limit of 1,800 missiles and bombers for each side. The President also has to decide on the controversial question of whether the United States should propose a limitation on the "throw weight" of strategic missiles. American experts estimate that the Soviet missile force has a throw weight of 5.6m kilograms compared to 1.8m kilograms for the United States.

20-year jail terms in Mafia trial

Palermo (Reuters) - An Italian government crackdown against organized crime took a step forward on Monday night when a Palermo court sentenced alleged Mafia leaders to prison terms of up to 20 years on drugs, arms and organized crime charges.

Tommaso Iozzillo, Rosario and Giuseppe Gambino, Emanuele Adamita and Filippo Ragusa were sentenced to 20 years. Rosario Spatola, chief defendant in the trial of 75 alleged members of the Mafia's Spatola, Iozzillo and Gambino "families" was sentenced to 13 years in prison and an 80m lire (just over £33,000) fine.

Altogether 59 defendants were found guilty in the trial, the first under anti-mafia laws passed by Parliament last year after the murders of a prominent Communist politician and of the General Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, the Palermo police chief.

The prosecution accused the defendants of belonging to "new Mafia" gangs controlling Sicilian building rackets.

The indictment outlined a web of financial dealings between Palermo's booming construction industry, New York underworld bosses and outwardly respectable Milan businessmen.

Junta eases British assets ban

Buenos Aires (Reuters) - Argentina yesterday lifted a ban on the sale or transfer of British assets in the country, introduced during the Falklands conflict.

A new law allows the commission overseeing British assets to suspend the ban in relation to individuals, companies or entities. It also empowers the Government to lift the ban in generalized terms "taking into account the general interest and equal treatment given to the Argentine Republic". In both cases, the ban could be reimposed.

The ban applies to all property belonging to the United Kingdom, to British citizens who are not permanent residents in Argentina, and to other nationals residing in Britain.

Publication of the law, came into effect yesterday, coincided with fresh negotiations in New York between Argentine officials and a committee of creditor banks. Sources said the banks wanted the ban lifted before granting Argentina a \$1.5 billion (£1 billion) loan to help service its \$38.7 billion foreign debt.

The leaders of Argentina's main political parties yesterday called for a peace treaty with Chile over the Beagle Channel dispute.

Whitehall denies election delayed Argentine's visa

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

The man who wants to take relatives of Argentine war dead to the Falklands, found even the British Isles still barred to him last night.

But a report that Señor Osvaldo Destefanis's application for a visa would not be granted until after tomorrow's election, was being carefully denied by Whitehall officials. "It is still being considered, that's all," he said.

Señor Destefanis's earlier attempt to organize a pilgrimage to the Falklands collapsed when the International Committee of the Red Cross refused to become involved.

In the end, the best he could arrange was a funeral service at sea, his vessel under instructions from Buenos Aires not to confront British warships protecting the 150-miles exclusion zone around the islands.

Now he is in Paris awaiting a visa.

● PARIS: Señor Destefanis arrived to The Times in Paris yesterday: "The British Government will not give me a visa until after the election", Diana Geddes writes.

When he had first applied for his visa at the British Embassy in Buenos Aires on May 30, he had been told it would take only five days. He said: "I don't see why there is now this delay. I feel really bad. They seem to be afraid of letting me into Britain, but I cannot do any harm to anyone."

"I just feel that it is very important for me to go to England to negotiate this trip personally. I can give the Government proof that our visit is purely humanitarian and not for the purposes of propaganda."

The British Embassy in Paris said that it had told Señor Destefanis that he was unlikely to get his visa next week, though it could not be certain when it would come through. There had been no specific mention of the British election it insisted.

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Air force chiefs suspected each other, Zimbabwe trial told

From Stephen Taylor, Harare

A Zimbabwe Air Force board of inquiry comprising some of the men now on trial for allegedly helping to sabotage aircraft asked police to arrest one of the men being tried with them and recommended that another be court-martialled, the High Court was told here yesterday. The man recommended for court-martial was a wing commander, also on trial, who might have been involved in the sabotage plot.

Information given to the board, which was set up immediately after the sabotage, was said to have prejudiced in varying degrees three of the officers now on trial.

Details of the inquiry, which the state maintains was part of a plot by the accused to divert attention from their alleged guilt, emerged for the first time during yesterday's proceedings before Mr Justice Dumbutshena. The board was chaired by Air Commodore Philip Pile and included Wing Commander Peter Briscoe, the second and third accused of the six officers charged with aiding the sabotage of 13 ZAF aircraft last July 25.

During Wing Commander Briscoe's evidence yesterday it was disclosed that the board had asked police to arrest Air Lieutenant Neville Weir, the sixth accused and had decided to recommend that Air Lieutenant Barrington Lloyd, the fifth accused, who had responsibility for security at the Thornhill air base, be court-martialled. No reasons were given during yesterday's proceedings for these decisions.

Wing Commander Briscoe said that during two sessions before the board, Air Lieutenant Lloyd had been asked to name any individuals whom he suspected might have been involved. He had named Wing Commander John Cox, the fourth accused who, he said, was dishonest, and a black officer who gave evidence for the state at the start of the trial.

Cross-examined by Mr Honor Mkhushi, for the state, Wing Commander Briscoe denied the board tried to divert attention from the "real culprits". The board suspected there had been collusion by staff with an inside knowledge of Thornhill and had been wholly inadequate.

These findings had been made in a preliminary report, the only document produced by the board before he and Air Commodore Pile were themselves arrested, and all information had been passed to police.

● Bail skipped: Mr Chido Muzorewa, aged 19, son of Bishop Abel Muzorewa, former head of the transitional Zimbabwe-Rhodesia government, has apparently fled to the United States to avoid charges of illegal arms possession, AFP reports. According to his lawyer, Mr Muzorewa skipped his Z\$300 (about £190) bail and left for the US, of which he is a citizen by birth.

Bishop Muzorewa apparently did not know of his son's departure and has not commented.

Anger and grief for ANC three

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The families of the three African National Congress (ANC) guerrillas who are to be hanged tomorrow have reacted with anger as well as grief to the refusal of the South African President to grant a reprieve.

Mr Daniel Mokoagane, whose son, Simon, is one of the three, said: "As far as I am concerned my son and the two others did not act like ordinary criminals and it would be unfair to hang them."

Mrs Sarah Mosololi, the mother of Mr Jerry Mosololi, another of the condemned men, declared: "Go well my son, I love you. I am proud of you because you're to die for your people. We'll meet where you're going. You must know the struggle will not end even after your death."

Mrs Mosololi's husband, Isaac, and Mr Frans Motang, father of Mr Marcus Motang, the third of the condemned, have both applied to be allowed to bury their sons. "He will not be buried by prison warders. He loved and died for us. Therefore he deserves a decent burial", Mr Mosololi said.

The attitude of the families undoubtedly reflects the view of many blacks, who see the ANC guerrillas as soldiers and freedom fighters. Outside South Africa there is considerable support for the argument that captured ANC insurgents should be granted prisoner-of-war status.

About a dozen ANC guerrillas have been sentenced to death since the upsurge of guerrilla activity caused by unrest in black townships in 1976-77. So far, however, only one has been executed. He was Mr Solomon Mahlangu, who was hanged in April, 1979, after being convicted of murder during a gun attack on a Johannesburg warehouse.

Hawke in no hurry for an Australian republic

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Australia might opt to become a Commonwealth republic sometime in the future, but not yet, Mr Bob Hawke, the country's new Labour Prime Minister, said yesterday. There were many, many higher priorities on his agenda, he told a press conference in London.

Speaking after tea with the Prince and Princess of Wales, and just before leaving for lunch with the Queen, he also smartly spiked a newspaper claim that he despised the Royal Family.

"Since I have had the opportunity to get to know Her Majesty, Prince Philip, Prince Charles, I have developed a high personal regard for all of them. They have what must be one of the most difficult jobs in the world and they discharge their duties magnificently", he said.

There is a growing rumour in his own party over reports that he is moving towards *de facto* recognition of Indonesian rule over East Timor, contrary to Labour policy which calls for self-determination by the local people. But he refused yesterday to

disclose details of his recent conversation with President Suharto in Jakarta, promising only a debate on the issue on his return, both inside and outside the parliamentary party.

The result of that debate would determine which way Australia voted at the United Nations.

He was more forthcoming on other matters including his doubts over the continuing usefulness of Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meetings, the next of which is due to be held in Papua New Guinea next year.

He raised this at discussions later yesterday with Mr Shridath Ramphal, Commonwealth Secretary-General.

Mr Hawke later attended the opening by the Queen Mother of London University's new Australian Study Centre and watched some cricket at the Oval, where a taking place contest was taking place between Australia and New Zealand. But official government-to-government talks have had to be scrapped in Britain because of tomorrow's election



Royal funeral: Members of Belgian and foreign Royal families attending the funeral of Prince Charles, Count of Flanders and uncle of King Baudouin at the church of Saint Joacob on Goudenbergh in Brussels yesterday. Prince Charles died last Wednesday, aged 79.

Malawi gives Chirwas time to appeal for clemency

Harare (Reuters) - Mr Orton Chirwa, the Malawi Opposition leader, and his wife, Vera, condemned to death for treason, are not due to be executed this week and, in fact, face an appeal process that could take considerable time, the Malawi High Commission said yesterday.

Referring to reports outside Malawi that the Chirwas would be executed tomorrow, a spokesman said: "Their appeal has yet to be heard and even if their appeal in the National Traditional Court fails they can appeal to the President for clemency. No date has yet been set for the first appeal. This whole procedure could take a lot of time."

Mr Chirwa, aged 64, a former Justice Minister, and his wife, aged 50, who is also a lawyer, were sentenced last month. They were accused of plotting to overthrow the Government and to assassinate Dr Hastings Kamuzu Banda, the Life President, Ministers and officials. They denied the charges.

The sentence has attracted international attention, with Dr Banda receiving appeals for clemency from various world figures and organizations. The latest to add a voice to pleas for mercy is President Shagari of Nigeria, who said on Monday that he was acting on humanitarian grounds.

Speculation about Malawi's politics has been rife recently among exiles and sympathizers in neighbouring states, fuelled by an impending general election in Malawi at the end of this month.

One report said Dr Banda, who is at least 77, planned to take a sabbatical leave from the leadership he has occupied since independence in 1964.

Political circles were shocked last month when it was announced that four top party members had been killed in a car crash.

● NAIROBI: The African Bar Association has joined the appeal to Dr Banda to pardon the Chirwas. In a letter, the association's Kenyan chairman Mr Lee Muthoga, urged Dr Banda to show mercy towards the Chirwas, AFP reports.

● LISAKA: The "Save Malawi Committee", an exile opposition movement, complained yesterday to the Organization of African Unity conference in Ethiopia about the "ruthless suppression of human rights in Malawi", AFP reports.

The Lion of Kashmir's son in poll triumph

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The bitterly contested Jammu and Kashmir state election ended in a triumphal victory for Dr Farooq Abdullah, the son of the Lion of Kashmir, he has won his first big victory since he was installed as Chief Minister by his Father, Shaikh Abdullah, last year, and is now assured of retaining power even though the full results will not be known until the end of the week.

The election was not without comfort for Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, whose party did well in Jammu, virtually eliminating the minor groups. But her party, Congress (I), did not do as well as it expected to in the largely Muslim Kashmir valley, gaining only one seat, plus one or two held by Congress-supported independents.

The election has clearly shown that by concentrating on communal issues, both leaders have dangerously polarized opinion in the state. The Muslims have voted for a Muslim party, Dr Abdullah's National Conference, and the Hindus have voted for Congress (I).

Seven people died in the course of the campaign and over 1,000 were hurt. At an election eve meeting alone several hundred people were hurt by stone-throwing political rivals. The meeting was addressed by Mrs Gandhi.

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Nicaragua alleges US diplomat tried to poison minister

Managua (Reuters) - US-Nicaraguan relations have taken a further turn for the worse with the expulsion of three American diplomats accused of anti-state plots, including a scheme to kill the foreign minister with a poisoned bottle of his favourite French wine.

The three were the first US diplomats to be ordered out of Nicaragua since the revolutionaries ousted the US-backed dictator Anastasio Somoza in 1979.

Miss Linda Pfeifel, Political Counsellor, Mr David Greig, First Secretary, and Miss Ermila Loreta Rodriguez, Second Secretary, left Managua on Monday night, some 21 hours after Mr Anthony Quainton, the Ambassador, received a diplomatic note saying the three had been involved in activities against the government.

Earlier, Señor Lenin Cerna, the security chief, told a press conference: "A US Central Intelligence Agency network aiming to assassinate Foreign Minister Miguel d'Escoto with a bottle of poisoned wine has been smashed."

Holding up a bottle he alleged contained wine laced with the deadly poison thallium, he said Miss Rodriguez had tried to persuade a Foreign Ministry official to pass the brew to Father d'Escoto, who is a

Catholic priest. The wine, produced by Benedictine monks, was his favourite, he added.

Señor Cerna described Greig as the Managua station chief of the CIA and said all three diplomats had acted under orders from CIA headquarters.

Bidding farewell to his colleagues at Cesar Sandino airport, Mr Quainton said their expulsion was a "serious step contributing to a severe degree of tension in bilateral relations".

Asked whether Washington would suspend relations over the incident, he replied: "It would be fairly premature to talk about breaking relations, but obviously the events of the past 24 hours have not contributed to an improvement in relations." He said the charges were preposterous.

Listing details of the diplomats alleged activities, Señor Cerna said Miss Rodriguez had been involved in the poisoned wine plot, Mr Greig had plotted to jam local radio stations with anti-government propaganda, and Miss Pfeifel had had contacts with opposition figures.

Señor Cerna displayed Miss Rodriguez's alleged spy equipment, ranging from codebooks to notepaper, he said, could be instantly turned into chewing gum.



Warrior's rest: A Salvadoran soldier after a clash with guerrillas at Tenancingo.

Change in Salvador strategy promised

San Salvador (AP) - General Carlos Eugenio Casanova, the Defence Minister, announced yesterday that new military action would be taken against left-wing guerrillas. He gave no details about the strategy, but said the plan "will require the maximum sacrifice from our families".

General Vides Casanova said he had visited military posts

around the country reminding troops to "respect human rights and stay away from political matters".

Telecommunications officials were trying yesterday to find parts to repair a key microwave relay antenna that was extensively damaged when guerrillas dynamited it at dawn on Sunday.

The attack at El Pacayal, 80

miles east of San Salvador, sharply reduced telephone, telegraph, and direct-line communications.

WASHINGTON - Mr Thomas Enders, removed recently as Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, was yesterday formally named by President Reagan as US Ambassador to Spain,

Close fight as Canadian Tories pick new leader

From John Best, Ottawa

Canada's Progressive Conservative Party, official opposition in the House of Commons, will finally get a leader next weekend after effectively being without one for four and a half months. The man selected could well be the next Prime Minister.

A seemingly interminable campaign for the leadership will end some time on Saturday afternoon at Ottawa's Civic Centre when 3,000 delegates from across Canada's make their choice from among eight candidates.

Of the contenders, only three, or at the outside four, are strong enough to have a credible chance of winning. They include Mr Joe Clark, a former Prime Minister, who resigned the leadership after failing to obtain what he considered an adequate vote of confidence at a party convention in Winnipeg in late January.

Now Mr Clark, who was 44 on Sunday, is campaigning furiously to get his old job back. He and a close contemporary, Mr Brian Mulroney, a Quebec industrialist who turned 44 in March, are generally considered the front-runners.

But a third candidate, Mr John Crosbie, aged 52, who was Finance Minister in the short-lived Clark government of 1979-80, has been coming on strong in recent weeks and could emerge as a formidable threat.

The other candidate who still has a chance of winning, albeit a slim one, is Mr David Crombie, aged 46, the diminutive former mayor of Toronto.

All the top candidates except Mr Mulroney, who has never run for Parliament although he has been an active Conservative since student days, are MPs. Mr Crosbie represents a Newfoundland riding and Mr Clark an Alberta riding.

The campaign, which has already been under way more than three months - since February 28, when Mr Crombie declared his candidacy, thereby opening the floodgates and squelching Mr Clark's transitory hopes of regaining the leadership by default, has generally been a low-key affair.

At one point there were a dozen candidates, but one dropped out and three others failed to meet a \$5,000 (\$2,463) deposit.

The overriding issue, although not a particularly well articulated one, is ideological and concerns the focus of the soul of the Conservative Party. There is a strong conservative current running in Canadian politics just now, similar to trends manifested in Britain, the US and other Western countries in recent years.

It could be that and hurt Mr Clark, who is widely regarded as

being middle-of-the-road or slightly left of centre: too moderate, in a word, for the party's vocal right wing.

This would be the case especially if right-wing elements, who do not have a strong candidate of their own, began coalescing behind Mr Mulroney or Mr Crosbie, both of whom have business backgrounds, after the first ballot.

A large, enigmatic shadow will figuratively loom over the convention polling booths as the delegates cast their ballots.

It will be that of Mr Pierre Trudeau, the veteran Liberal Prime Minister, who is still keeping everybody guessing about his retirement plans. He has promised to step down before the next general election, expected next year.



Mr John Crosbie: strong challenger

ILO delay on pipeline questioned

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

Russia has accused the International Labour Organization of shilly-shallying on sending officials to investigate labour conditions on the 4,451km trans-Siberian pipeline for supplying natural gas to Western Europe. Western reports have alleged that workers from forced-labour camps and Vietnam were being employed.

Mr Vassili Prokhorov, vice-chairman of the Soviet Central Trade Union Council, told a press conference in Geneva yesterday that the allegations had been "a deliberate attempt to get the ILO involved in just another anti-Soviet campaign".

He said that the council, had invited the ILO last October to send representatives but its insistence on "inventing various preconditions" had led to interminable delay.

Mr Francis Blanchard, the ILO director-general, said a few days ago that the ILO had been able to obtain Soviet guarantees that its projected three-man mission would have unimpeded access to anything they wanted to see at pipeline sites.

Mr Prokhorov urged the ILO to "hurry up with their visit as the construction was rapidly coming to its completion - now, there is practically nothing to see because the project is almost finished". Only 150km of pipe remained to be insulated and laid in the trenches.

Neither forced labour nor Vietnamese had been in the work force, 40,000 strong at one time and mostly skilled, he added. All Vietnamese workers in the Soviet Union were at various enterprises acquiring skills for use in similar enterprises set up in their own country with Soviet aid.

MOSCOW - A Siberian woodworker who circulated a petition calling on America and the Soviet Union to scrap their nuclear weapons has been sentenced to three years in prison, his wife said yesterday. Mr Alexander Shatravka, was arrested last July as he collected signatures on the petition.

MEPs back lead-free campaign

Strasbourg - The campaign for lead-free petrol in the EEC has won full backing of the European Parliament. On Monday, it approved a report calling for a significant reduction in the amount of the metal added to fuel by 1985 and for the phasing in of lead-free petrol "as soon as possible".

The report had called for lead-free petrol by 1985, but the Parliament accepted that this was not possible before 1988. However, it was agreed that member states should reduce the permitted level of lead from the present maximum of 0.4 grammes per litre to 0.15 grammes per litre by 1985.

Exodus over - Moscow (NYT) - Leaders of the Soviet anti-Zionist committee set up six weeks ago said they were satisfied that Jewish emigration had effectively stopped because most Soviet Jews who wanted to leave had gone.

Bus casualties - Bonn - Six British tourists were still in hospital in Aisfeld, West Germany, yesterday after a bus taking a tour group from Austria to Ostend ran off the road on Monday evening, injuring 40 of the 41 passengers.

Visa refused - Washington (NYT) - The State Department has refused Mrs Bernadette Devlin McAliskey a visa, because of reports that she intended to raise money in the US for a convicted member of the political wing of the Irish Nationalist Liberation Army.

Czech mate - Waidhaus, West Germany (AP) - A young Bavarian man, apparently in love with Czechoslovak woman, crashed his car through border barriers before coming to a halt 20 yards inside Communist-ruled territory. He was returned by Czech border guards 24 hours later.

China cuts investment in heavy industry

From David Bonavia, Peking

China is putting the brakes on industrial investment this year - especially in heavy industry - and seeking a much lower growth rate than the prevailing 7 or 8 per cent.

Mr Yao Yilin, a deputy Prime Minister in charge of planning, told the Sixth National People's Congress here yesterday that investment by the state in fixed assets would be nearly £3 billion less than in 1982.

However, he did not explain how China could meet its goal of quadrupling national output by the year 2000 if growth rates were cut.

Addressing the nearly 3,000 delegates from all parts of China on the second day of the Congress, Mr Yao said that efforts would be made to increase industrial production by 5 per cent this year. As it had already increased by 7.6 per cent in the first four months over the corresponding period of 1982, a substantial slowdown must be expected between now and December.

According to Mr Xue Muqiao, a leading Chinese economist, over-lavish investment in industry has led to bottlenecks and waste. Nonetheless, observers are surprised at the sudden slow-down both



Mr Zhao Ziyang: Plea to use intellectual resources.

in planned growth and in actual performance.

Another problem is that, contrary to the plan, heavy industry is still growing faster than light industry. For this year as a whole, the planned growth rates are 3.9 per cent and 4.1 per cent respectively. Agricultural production is expected to grow by 4 per cent this year.

The Congress has set up new national committees to handle problems of minority nationalities, law, finance and economics, foreign affairs, overseas Chinese, and a committee on education, science, culture and public health.

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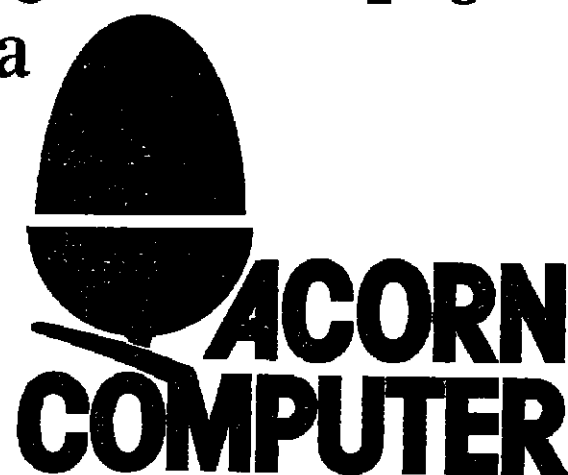
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THE ARTS

Julie Kavanagh, in Shanghai, experiences the two-way success of the Royal Ballet's visit to China

Dancing towards a new freedom

Our arrival in Shanghai boded well: it was cold and raining - sweet relief after the dusty oven of Peking. The day we rolled up the Great Wall it was 97 degrees Fahrenheit, and Peking was recorded as the hottest city in the world. Even so the 10 performances there were a great success. Coaches waiting on the tarmac whisked us in minutes to a new hotel in large, lush grounds. The staff had lined the entrance to applaud the Royal Ballet's arrival, and their enthusiasm was soon reciprocated by the dancers. "There's a bar, a bar!" Everything's so normal! People affectionately fingered the bottles of Pimm's in the hotel shop, and at lunch, when plates of chips arrived, there were hyperbolic swoons of delight.

Food had been the main talking-point even before we arrived in China. There were scare stories of what to expect at banquets: Norman Morris, director of the Royal Ballet, had sampled honeyed embryo mice when he came to China with Ballet Rambert; someone else knew someone who had been offered bear's paws, and shaved cat in aspic sliced like a terrine. Dancers from the Festival Ballet (who were here in 1979) told people to prepare themselves "for a constant feeling of hunger": meals would either be inedible or insufficient. In fact, though the food is monotonous - duck appears hot and cold twice a day - and not up to Gerard Street standards, there is more than enough of it. In Shanghai, where things are more westernized, dancers who before were living off emergency rations of tuck, which they had packed in their shoe-bags like schoolboys before leaving home, are seen eating in the dining room.

The effect of the home-from-home comforts of the Cypress Hotel on the company's morale is dramatic: apart from the singing cicadas and exotic animal calls from the nearby zoo, we could be at a Holiday Inn in Sussex. Leslie Edwards came across a mock-Tudor house in the grounds. "Very Godfrey Winn, my dear." Our hotel in Peking, the Yanjing, was much more redolent of China: every room had two familiar filled armchairs decked with embroidered white cotton squares; and a tray with painted tin flasks of water, blue and white china cups with lids and a wooden box of jasmine tea. Also in every room was an unhoovered

carpet, a cockroach and a grimy plastic comb. Foreign visitors to China cannot choose their hotels; the Chinese decide for you according to who you are and how full the hotels are. Our interpreter told us we were staying in the Cypress because we were a "very important group".

VIC treatment continued when we went to the Shanghai Ballet School for a demonstration by members of their company and ours. A firework display - ear-splitting despite the rain - greeted our arrival; there was a large banner welcoming the Royal Ballet and an ovation by the Chinese dancers. About a dozen of them - evidently the cream of the company and aged between 18 and 20 - were chosen to perform extracts from Russian classics as well as a couple of items by contemporary Chinese choreographers. What struck one immediately was the freedom of content in the newer works, which were love stories - one quite risqué about the tortured affair between a mother and her stepson.

Several of the girls had long Balanchine-style bodies, while the boys exhibited their Russian schooling with their exaggerated upright carriage and virtuosic technique. Also impressive was the way the company has imposed a national flavour on the inherited works: in *The Dying Swan*, for example, the soloist incorporated the oddly stilted arm movement (as if seen in strobe light) that is a feature of the Peacock Dance, native to the Thai border. Deliberately saved until the end was the pas de deux from *Don Quixote*, danced by a boy with striking Mongolian features and a child-faced girl who was to enchant and invigorate the Royal Ballet so much, that days later they were still discussing her.

We all watched agape as the 20-year-old Huang Chi Feng held ten-second balances in one attitude after another, finally swivelling unsupported with the ease of a contortionist. The sequence she started with 16 perfect doubles. Coupled with this phenomenal technique was a lively presence and charm. The Royal Ballet roared their admiration for her at the end and she was visibly thrilled to have her brilliance confirmed. A little chastened by the standard of what they had seen, the British dancers gave a morris dancing demonstration that much amused the Chinese, and



Absorbing all the influences: Wayne Eagling, in army cap, at the Forbidden City in Peking

pas de deux from *La Fille mal gardée* and *Manon*. Merle Park decided to perform an impromptu, more virtuosic duet from the climax of MacMillan's ballet.

The Shanghai Ballet demonstration and the accuracy of training that has been seen in schools both here and in Peking have caused considerable excitement all round: one dancer has been day-dreaming about coming back to China to acquire some virtuosic tricks; others hope to persuade the Royal Ballet to invite guest Chinese teachers to London, which may well come about. Sir Claus Moser, Chairman of Covent Garden, stressing the importance of maintaining cultural relations with China, "which is so much at stake at this point economically and artistically", said that he would love to find ways of attaching the more promising Chinese dancers to the Royal Ballet for a few years, and encouraging their best teachers to spend time in England. "First of all, we must come back," Sir Claus also went to a demonstration by students from Peking's Conservatoire of Music, which he said was the most exciting and enjoyable experience he has had in years.

One reason behind China's new artistic strength is her eager assimilation of influences from outside: time and again the Chinese have remarked that the Royal Ballet's visit is valued

as a source of instruction as much as entertainment. Much of their repertoire has already been seen - and presumably studied - on video. If China now has outstanding dancers and teachers (several are former dancers who, because of the Cultural Revolution, missed out on their own careers but are passing on their knowledge) what they still lack, and what the Royal Ballet's season will exhibit, is choreographic strength and attention to stylistic detail, like balletism.

By way of return, the more enterprising Royal Ballet members have been absorbing all they can from the Chinese. Inspired by an acrobat we saw in the Peking Opera, whose landings were as soft as a cat's, Stephen Sheriff, making his debut as the Blue Boy in *Painlevé*, had lessons in Peking to improve his "butterflies". Ashley Fage and Jonathan Burrows were taught Tai chi every morning between 5.30 and 7, and we may well see the large movements distilled into their choreography. Several dancers have had acupuncture and the steel-fingered, pressure-point massage the Chinese specialize in. About a dozen of the company hired bicycles in Peking, one cycling to the Great Wall and back in a day. "Hoh! Great, great!" said our interpreter when he heard that. "Not even the Chinese would do that." The ramshackle department

store near the Peking theatre, which the dancers renamed Debenhams, was crisscrossed by army caps, Mao jackets and black canvas shoes that cost all of 3 yuan - 90p.

It is apparently even harder for the public to buy tickets here than it was in Peking. Like anywhere in the world things depend largely on who you know. An English teacher and ardent ballet fan I spoke to said she devotes considerable time to dining theatrical contacts and sending them gifts. Outside the theatre on the first night a crowd of over a hundred students clamoured in vain for tickets when the dancers arrived. Earplugs because of the ticket shortage, the audience in the Peking Opera House is a little noisy. But they reacted enthusiastically to technical displays (Philip Broomhead's hyper-extended grand jets and Stephen Beagley's neat bird volés).

Awareness of a discriminating audience out front has given the dancers a competitive, "let's show them" attitude. They are beginning to look tired for the first time on the tour, but the fact there are only four more Reunions to go (there will have been 17 performances in three weeks) and they are less than a fortnight from home keeps their spirits impressively buoyant.

● Julie Kavanagh is Arts Editor of *Harper's and Queen*.

Concerts

Sonorous daring

Schola Cantorum/
Leonhardt
Spitalfields

This season has produced some fascinating combinations of directors from abroad with the best English performers of eighteenth-century music. First Sigiswald Kuijken came to lead the London Baroque Players, then Arnold Shostak arrived to conduct *Chaconne* at Sadler's Wells, and on Monday night Gustav Leonhardt directed the Schola Cantorum of Oxford and a specially-formed Spitalfields Baroque Orchestra in a programme of Bach.

Many of the players in these events have been the same but the results have been radically different; it was Leonhardt who risked most and gained most from an approach that is quite unfamiliar in this country. There was no easy reliance on the changing rhythms and near-figuration of many of the pieces, but much period-instrument playing here: every musical gesture was boldly, at times awkwardly, swept into place, and often the forward pulse of the playing was sacrificed to an extraordinarily tense insistence on a "tiny metrical shape or breathing space".

The technique paid its price in the choral writing: this is the only time I have heard an English

group even approach the swift, quickly-fading attack and gentle chording of such continental choirs as the *Chœur Collegium Vocale*, and in the minute subtleties of the *Contra Altus*. Yet the result was not in the least affected: even though the singers were clearly only beginning to come to terms with the sound. Ready voices (also heard to beautiful effect in *Canzon* 1597) and heady, whispering, their overlapping dissonances (well caught by the wonderful bloom of the church's acoustics) matched the choral voices perfectly.

The soloists, alas, sounded quite out of it all. Ian Partridge was understandably reluctant to give voice at all in *Canzon* 106, lest he should overtake the proceedings, and, though Jennifer Smith was allowed to blossom in *Canzon* 124, only Max van Egmond could sustain a line that was in scale with the occasion. Between the two cantatas Leonhardt's taste for a relaxed, lilting, sinuous, and much more modern, uncertain tempi but most expressive playing from first, once and strings and admirably clear counterpoint from the basses - a suave, humane account to set beside Harmanow's hectic virtuosity in the same *Canzon* on the Tafelmusik's recording of Bach's cantatas.

Nicholas Kenyon

RCS/Davies
Festival Hall

Since splendour of a solitary kind is consistently denied Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, there can hardly be a better practical and aesthetic move in programme planning than to twin it with a work which forces out, with similar forces, a different reflection of the same glory: Nielsen's *Hymnus Amoris*.

Despite Nielsen's claims for the elevating and universalizing power of Love, his half-hour work is of more specific and often more affective human proportions than the final choral movement of the Beethoven. The childhood chorus, fearlessly and simply sung on Monday by the choir of Trinity College of Music Junior Department, focuses the blithe, child-like experience of the unifying power of love that radiates the entire work.

This deceptive simplicity is saved from the simplistic by shrewd touches like the use of three male voices of contrasting

timbres (Philip Langridge, Bryce Kershaw, John Shirley-Quirk) for the recitations of old songs or the receding, serene plaint (Margaret Curphey), disrupting the self-assured men's choruses. The Royal Choral Society had the full measure of the multifarious, contrapuntal writing interlarded and pointed by heavily selected, orchestral colours.

After the interval, we had good reason to be grateful for the presence of John Shirley-Quirk, this thrillingly expressive "O Freunde, nicht diese Töne!" went straight to the mark, as it determined to direct and galvanize all that was to come, as well, alas, as being all too apt a response to what had gone before. For, despite assiduous and valiant singing from choruses and soloists, yet another band of dupes from the London Symphony Orchestra gave us performance which, in its alternation between hollow rhetoric and bland, even careless complacency, was less than worthy of its large and loyal audience.

Hilary Finch

Dance

Cinderella
Coliseum

Ben Stevenson mounted *Cinderella* for Festival Ballet 10 years ago but it did not last long in the repertoire. The took it down from the shelf for a Christmas tour and on Monday the revival had its first London showing at the Coliseum. Will it have better luck this time?

The music, at least, is more attractive than Prokofiev's other long ballets, and the Festival Ballet orchestra gave a decent account of it under Graham Bond's direction. Lighter in texture than *Romeo*, more melodious too, it is a modern equivalent of those likable, craftsmanlike nineteenth-century scores which are so often and unjustifiably abused.

The structure of the music more or less dictates the action, but even so the resemblances between Stevenson's production and Ashton's more famous one at Covent Garden are too close for comfort, drawing attention to the fact that, as a dance inventor, the younger man is not competing in the same league. His dance routines are just that - routine.

Now and again he has a really intelligent production touch. The best is near the end, when the prince recognizes Cinderella as soon as he sees her face without needing to see the shoes tried on. But Stevenson's ugly sisters are not very funny: no

likelihood of these stealing the show though Ken Wells tries his kleptomaniac best.

In the opening cast, Patricia Rusman made a *Cinderella* responsive to every change of mood and circumstance. Jones Kage is a handsome and ardent lover for her, an exceptionally strong partner and a dashing soloist. The other outstanding performance came from Koen Onzia as the jester, amazingly speedy, light and strong.

The fairies who escort Cinderella have less interesting dances than in Ashton, and almost disappear among the guests at the ball. Peter Farnham's designs also evoke a sense of *déjà vu*, but are in better taste than the present Covent Garden version.

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Last night he was focusing on the old British custom of cut-and-come-again. Our ancestors, who were much smarter than we might have thought in their attitude to the natural world, used this method to nurture plants in the wild, an alternative way of provisioning to hunting or cultivation and one of which Mr Mabey, one of our most influential conservationists, approves.

He introduced us first to the delights of sea kale, the shoot of which, apparently, are as tasty as asparagus. Once it was plentiful along our shores. Then, in the nineteenth century, a botanist wrote a pamphlet extolling its virtues and gar-

deners descended wholesale and dug up the plants to grow in their gardens. Our ancestors, of course, would have left it where it was and come back for more. Now only one plant survives on the whole Norfolk coast and Mr Mabey crouched over it and mourned.

The wild service tree has fared better. Its berries are consumed in place of sweets by the poor and publicans used them to sweeten their beer-mash. Sugar and the import of fresh fruits left the service tree - known in parts of the country as

"chequers" because of the past association with brewing forgotten. Mr Mabey ate a couple of berries and pronounced them good.

He also warned against a pejorative attitude to all weeds. Melde, for instance, also known as "fat hen", presumably because it was used to enhance poultry, could be cooked and was every bit as good as spinach. Mr Mabey also demonstrated how the natural management of woodland, coppicing, which yields a continuous supply of wood without destroying woods, is back in favour.

Only one complaint against Mr Mabey, who will next week be dealing with herbs and their place in our superstitions: I do wish he would slow down. But he is value for money and there is, of course, a book on the series.

Dennis Hackett

Holly Hill reports from New York on British success in this year's Tony awards

Cheering day for Broadway

The New York theatre community expected this year's Tony awards ceremony to be more hollow than heartfelt. Depressing statistics about the 1982-83 season were bruited last week in trade and national newspapers: 27 out of 41 new shows were officially labelled flops, and not one new show has yet recouped its investment. Even more alarming than a plethora of flop flops has been the refusal of audiences to support even such critically acclaimed works as Lanford Wilson's *Angels in Fall* and the RSC's *All's Well That Ends Well*. The formula for artistic and commercial success having been mislaid, the future looks alarming.

The Tony awards relieved this gloomy atmosphere by celebrating Broadway's past and present in its most firmly conceived and stylishly executed show in years. Its theme - a salute to the work of George and Ira Gershwin - was not imposed upon the show but grew out of an occasion, the remaining, during the telecast, of the *Unis* as the Gershwin Theatre. The opening number, the jubilant "Kickin' the Clouds Away" from the current *My One and Only*, led gracefully into guest artists' presentation of other Gershwin songs throughout the evening.

An ingenious innovation this year was the use of actors costumed for their roles in current Broadway shows to give the awards. Alternately viewing costumes from current shows and performers doing Gershwin numbers in a silvery Art Deco

setting reinforced the linkage of past and present.

Elements which joined past and present to the future were the comments of several winners. Andrew Lloyd Webber, accepting the award for Best Score of a Musical for *Cats*, expressed the hope that there will be a free exchange of musicals between America and England. A producer of *On Your Toes*, which won an Outstanding Reproduction, took the award as a sign of approval for continuing to preserve and present faithfully "American theatre's greatest art form, the Broadway musical". Harvey Fierstein, who carried off Tonys both as Outstanding Actor and for Best Play for *Torch Song Trilogy*, retold the rags-to-riches saga of his show's genesis in an off-off-Broadway basement - an implicit reminder that such progressions can happen again.

Fierstein's victory for best play exemplified the healing aspect of the Tonys in a year of bitter battles over nominations. The Tony nominating committee, which has promised to reconsider its rules, was most criticized for leaving Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs* off its final list. The *Trig*, which looks to be Broadway's first long-running hit about homosexuals, clearly became the sentimental favourite.

The nominating committee's blunder in not permitting, despite precedent, Kathy Bates and Anna Fienberg to be nominated together as Outstanding Actress for the two-character *Night, Mother* may

have cost them the award (they were nominated separately), but Jessica Tandy was a popular winner for *Forrest*. Possibly reacting to injustices in the nominating process, Tony voters this year appear to have wanted to spread the wealth. Thus John Napier won Outstanding Costume Design for *Cats* but lost to Ming Cho Lee's Setting for *K2*. Tommy Tune and Thommie Walsh won Outstanding Choreography for *My One and Only*, but lost Outstanding Director of a Musical to Trevor Nunn's *Cats*.

Alexander H. Cohen's presentation of the Tonys was virtually flawless, but it would be more fun if the television audience could see what goes on in the theatre itself. During one commercial break Mr Cohen, who before the ceremonies had begged winners to keep their thanks brief, darted on stage to announce: "I'd like to say that the longest playing record of the acceptance speeches will be available in the lobby as you leave." Television cameras shot above the "F" row which was stuck at the headline of Jessica Tandy's white lace gown, and above the exquisitely posed feet of Natalia Makarova as she accepted her Outstanding Actress in a Musical award.

Audiences heard Miss Makarova's delightful thanks to "my husband, who didn't help much but wasn't in my way", but missed his laughter at the comment, and were also forced elsewhere when Trevor Nunn gave a little jump for joy in his seat when *Cats* won the Best Musical.

Theatre

As You Like It
Regent's Park

With a pugilistic musical planned for next month and a wrestling match in *As You Like It*, the front stalls at Regent's Park this year could be labelled "Ringside". It is not often one sees an Olympic skating champion half-nelsoning a broken-nosed bruiser before going on to give a very decent performance of a Shakespearean romantic lead.

But there are more reasons for visiting this production than John Curry's debut as Orlando: a lovely Rosalind, a brilliant Touchstone, an exceptionally pretty production by Richard Digby Day (which, despite its unpretentiousness (or perhaps because of it), presents the charm and fun and pain of the play intact).

Hugh Durrant's costumes - the sylvan set with its grotto and blossom-strewn walks in there already, of course - are nineteenth-century, for pre-

ness as much as anything. James Cairncross's cigar-smoking Duke sports malevolent whiskers, the prim, bespectacled Celia (Abigail McKern) is straight out of Mary Russell Mitford, and blond Oliver (Stephen Rayne) is every inch the squire's brat in side-whiskers and bowler, cowering the Thomas Hardy rustics with a riding-crop.

A voluptuously feminine Victorian maiden with long chestnut curls, Louise Jameson's Rosalind finds her spirit liberated as soon as she dons trousers and, addressed as Sir for the first time, darts Celia a look of excitement at the success of her disguise. The tension of her role-playing is finely judged between high comedy and the aching frustration of wooing her lover in another's person, whatever the verbal brilliance and sportive invention that proximity awakens in her.

Jaques is David William, a black-clad figure of Dickensian whimsicality in whom melancholy is both a comic outland

a lifetime's art. Rich in verbal and psychological insight, the reading finds an anchor in the exceptionally difficult passage (as a former student Jacques, I say this with feeling) where he discovers his life's purpose in social criticism that momentarily seems capable of changing the world. The "seven ages" speech is beautifully done, without gimmicks, a distillation of mischief and bitter sarcasm that is full of flavour to the last drop.

He finds a natural partner in Paul Raffield's sharp, youthful Touchstone, whose Irish brogue rattles out the wit with spic and adroitness and who is perfectly at home in the incongruous period with his motley waistcoat, a red bowler and an endless striped sock doubling as a muffler. This last is removed for a paddle in the brook as he chats with Corin while their goats, audible over the tannoy, browse in the summer evening somewhere in the direction of Baker Street.

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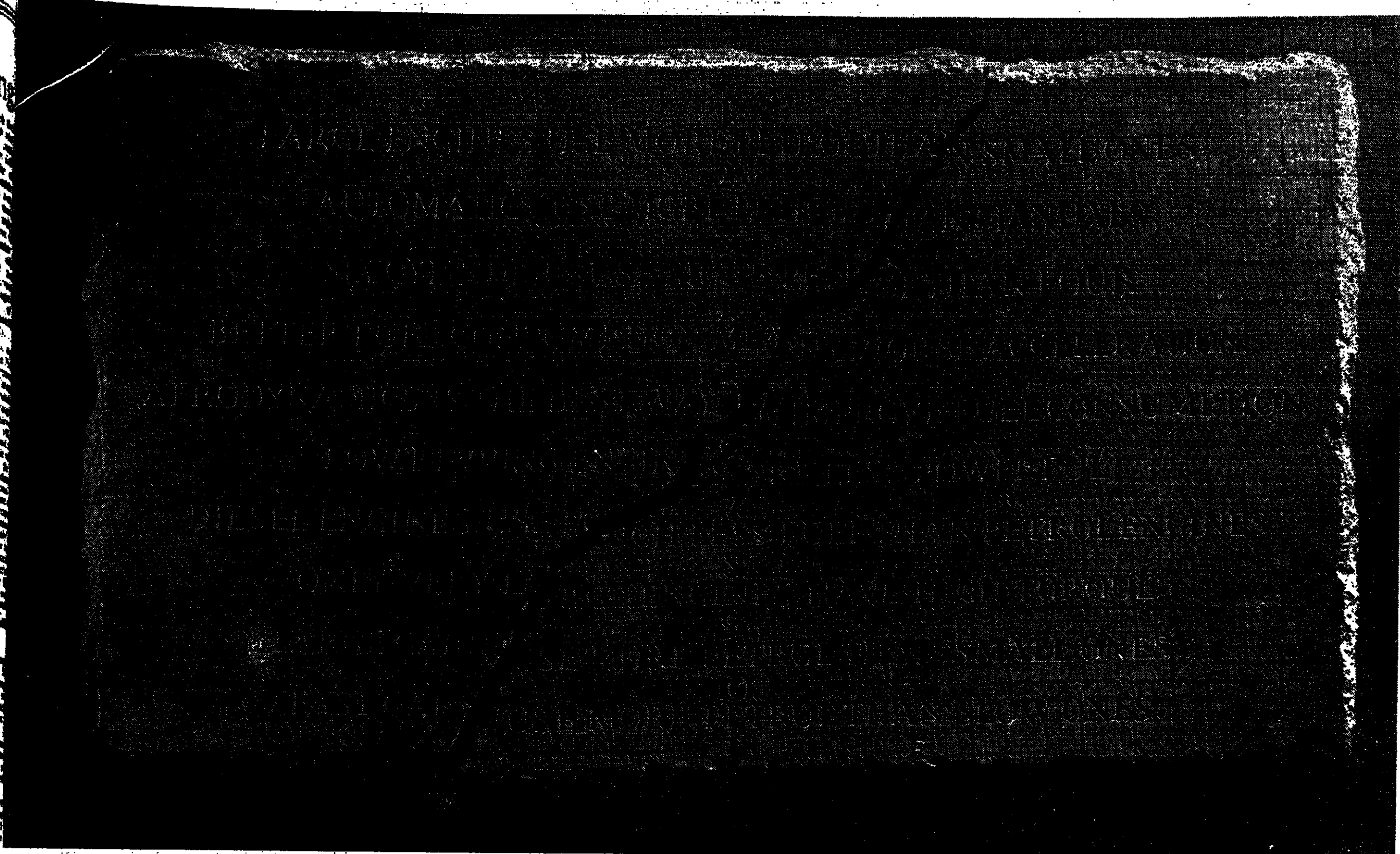
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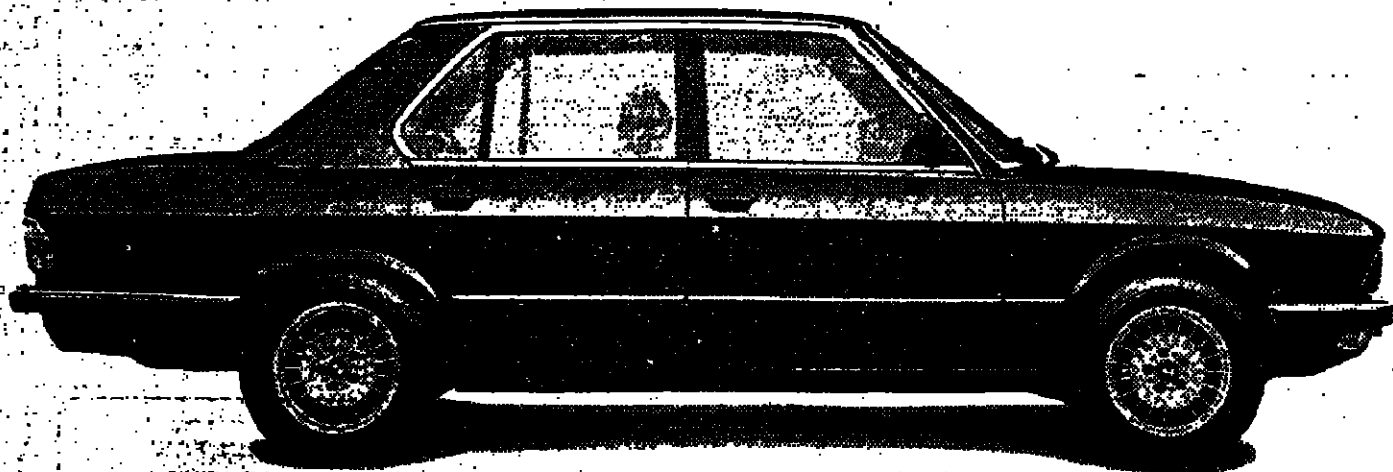
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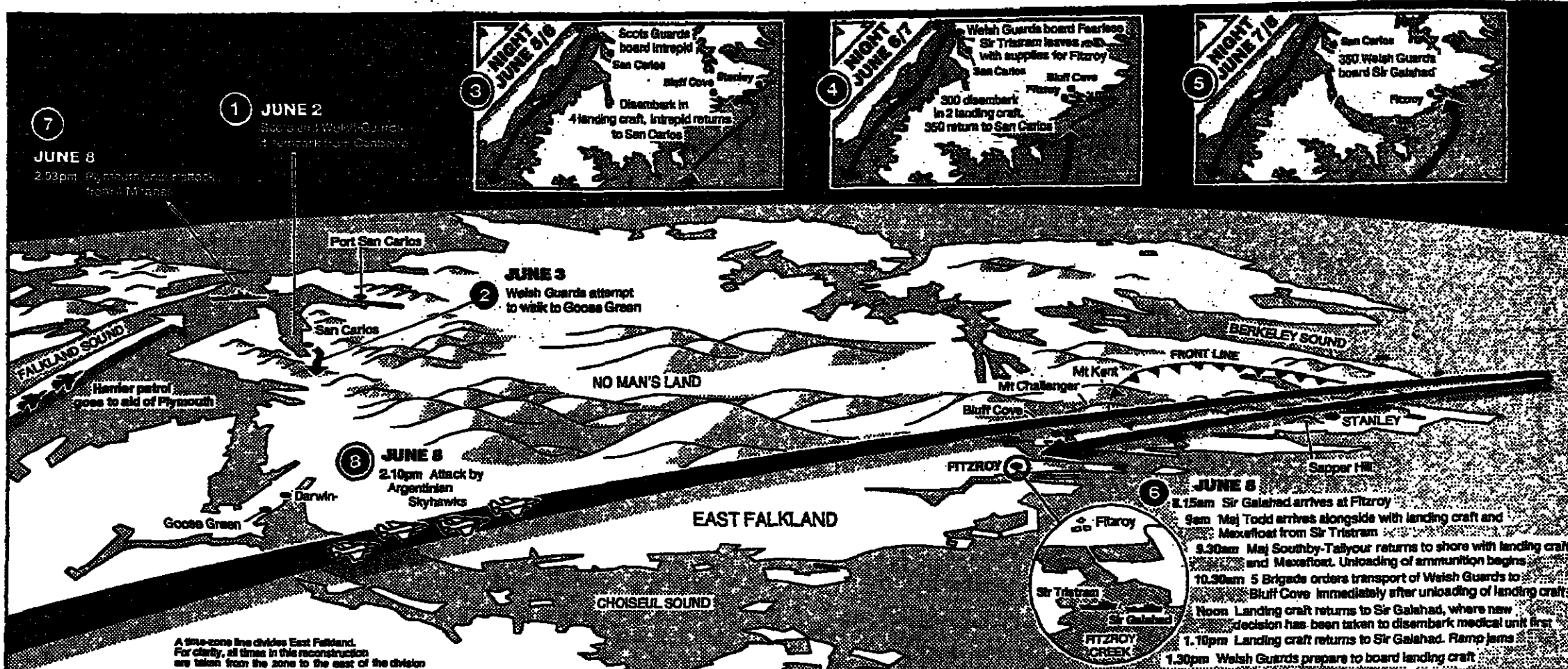
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A clear day and a sitting target

The Welsh Guards' tragedy at Fitzroy, one of the most shocking episodes of the Falklands war, was the subject of a naval board of inquiry whose findings were never made public. Jenny Rathbone reconstructs the tangle of conflicting priorities which fatally exposed them a year ago today



In the waters off the small settlement of Fitzroy, during the afternoon of Tuesday, June 8, 1982, British forces sustained their worst casualties of the Falklands war. On a single ship, the Sir Galahad, 48 men were killed. Three times that number were wounded, many of them horribly burnt. It was the last day on which Argentina launched serious air attacks against British forces, and less than a week before the final surrender at Port Stanley.

Sir Galahad had arrived at Fitzroy bay that morning, laden with 350 Welsh Guards and their equipment. She had sat for six hours in broad daylight, in full view of the Argentines occupying the hills between Fitzroy and Port Stanley. Her sister ship Sir Tristram had been anchored 200 yards away since before dawn the previous day, unloading her cargo of ammunition.

The men and machinery on these two logistical landing ships (LSLs) were urgently required to enable the long-awaited, two-brigade advance on Port Stanley to begin. Sending them by sea was the quickest way of getting them to the front line.

The risks involved had been the subject of continuous debate between London and the command off the Falkland Islands over the previous five days. In particular, it had been decided that it was too dangerous to risk a capital assault ship (Intrepid or Fearless) in taking troops to the front. The more expendable LSLs, however, could be used - even though they had no significant defences.

But, unforeseen by the planners, the dangers to Sir Galahad and the Welsh Guards were to multiply in the hours before the ship sailed into Fitzroy bay. The previous day, Monday, June 7 - as was later revealed by signals intelligence - the Argentines manning observation posts overlooking Fitzroy bay, noting the arrival of Sir Tristram and anticipating a troop landing, had sent a message to the mainland requesting an air strike. The Argentine air force was given more than 24 hours to plan and carry out the attack. It was to do so with devastating effect.

The origin of the tragedy goes back to May 25, when the container ship Atlantic Conveyor was hit by an Exocet missile. Three giant Chinook helicopters were lost with the ship, virtually eliminating the airborne troop-carrying capacity of the British task force. Commodore Michael Clapp, the naval officer in charge of the amphibious landing which began on May 21, wanted to postpone any advance out of the San Carlos bridgehead until the losses of the Atlantic Conveyor could be replaced. He was overruled by his superiors in London: the political and military imperatives were to get on with the war.

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When the Welsh and Scots Guards disembarked from the Canberra at San Carlos on Wednesday, June 2, Major General Jeremy Moore, the land forces commander, decided that no helicopters could be made available to bring them forward to the front line; they were stretched supplying the troops already situated on the high ground.

The Guards were stuck at San Carlos, but their arrival gave their brigade commander, Brigadier Tony Wilson, the back-up to accelerate movement on the southern route. Having ascertained that no Argentines were occupying the settlements of Fitzroy and Bluff Cove, Wilson commandeered the sole surviving Chinook helicopter on the island to airlift 154 men of 2 Para from Goose Green to within 15 miles of Port Stanley.

Moore's staff were forced to reorganize the movement of helicopters to ensure that 2 Para were reinforced with enough firepower to resist an enemy counter-attack. But as soon as an adequate defensive position had been established, the helicopters reverted to their previous tasks. This left 5 Brigade's command structure and communications vehicles scattered between San Carlos, Darwin, Fitzroy and Bluff Cove, Wilson's 5 Brigade's essential infantry component - still stuck at San Carlos.

On June 3, the Welsh Guards tried to walk to Darwin. But when the light tractor and Sno-cat vehicles carrying their heavy equipment broke down after three miles, the plan was abandoned.

An initial plan for both Guards battalions to sail round to Bluff Cove under cover of darkness on the assault ship Intrepid and two LSLs and unload throughout the following day, protected by the Navy's guns, was vetoed by a signal from Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, Commander in Chief in London. Mrs Thatcher was under pressure to move to the negotiating table and the loss of another major warship could seriously undermine her resolution to push on for a military victory. Intrepid was not to be exposed to a daylight air attack.

The Welsh Guards were sent back to their original camp at San Carlos to await fresh instructions. Under a revised plan, the Scots Guards were taken half-way to Bluff Cove on Intrepid and completed the journey in the ship's four large landing craft. They were guided there by Major Ewen Southby-Tailyour, a landing craft and Falklands expert.

On the evening of June 6, the Welsh Guards were loaded on to Fearless, Moore's command ship. Fearless's captain, Jeremy Larkin, argued that with his ship's superior engine speed, and by leaving San Carlos before nightfall, he could halve the distance the Welsh Guards would have to travel by landing craft to complete their journey. But two of Fearless's four landing craft had to be left behind at

San Carlos to continue loading supplies on to Sir Tristram, sailing south with supplies later that night; and a rendezvous with Southby-Tailyour and the Intrepid landing craft never materialized. A force nine gale forced the Intrepid boats to remain in Fitzroy bay.

Major Tony Todd, a Royal Corps of Transport officer on the Commodore's staff, was roused from his bed and told he was to guide half the embarked Welsh Guards to Bluff Cove on the two landing craft Fearless had with her.

Unhappy about having to leave half his men on board Fearless, the Welsh Guards' commanding officer, Lt. Col. John Rickett, left the ship with the understanding that they would join him as soon as possible. Major Guy Sayle, commanding officer of the Prince of Wales company, remained in charge of the 350 Welsh Guards who returned to San Carlos. Discussion about what to do with them went on for nearly 24 hours.

During the deliberations, Fearless was caught in the Falkland Sound in daylight and attacked by Argentine planes. The ship escaped unscathed, but any residual thoughts about using either of the assault ships in a repeat operation were resolved by a further message from Fieldhouse in London. He vetoed any further use of either Fearless or Intrepid; troop movements by sea in future would have to be conducted by LSL.

The LSL in question was Sir Galahad, which had returned empty to San Carlos on the morning of June 7 and was already earmarked to take Rapiers surface-to-air missiles and an army medical team to Fitzroy. It was decided that the ship would sail south of the island that night, taking the Welsh Guards with her.

Once the decision had been made, however, it was clear that the supplies

rather than the troops had become the priority. On board Fearless that day, Brigadier Wilson's priority was to establish an advance dressing station at Fitzroy, and to build up his brigade headquarters and maintenance area there.

Moore's staff, for their part, wanted to make Fitzroy the main maintenance and supply area for both 3 Brigade and 5 Brigade in the forthcoming push on Stanley. With this purpose in view, the Rapiers were uppermost in their minds. Much less attention seems to have been paid by the planners to the Welsh Guards and the field ambulance unit. Contradictory orders were given to the Master of Sir Galahad and to the senior officer commanding the troops.

The Master, Captain Phil Roberts, was told by Major Guy Yeoman of Clapp's staff to go initially to Bluff Cove and to offload the Welsh Guards. He was then to sail the rest of his cargo back round to Fitzroy, all under cover of darkness. Maj Sayle was told by Col. Baxter of General Moore's staff to transfer his Welsh Guards from Fearless to Sir Galahad, which would be sailing to Fitzroy. Sayle was given no new orders, either on board Fearless or subsequently on Sir Galahad, that would have altered those given to him by his commanding officer the previous night before they were separated: Lt. Col. Rickett had told him to bring the men and their equipment to Bluff Cove by sea as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, the medical unit due to sail on Sir Galahad had not been told the ship's schedule. Lieutenant Colonel John Roberts, commanding officer of the 16th Field Ambulance, had been given his orders over an insecure beach net, capable of being listened to by the enemy. It took the field ambulance seven hours after receiving their orders to start coming on board - long after the Welsh Guards had been embarked

and were ready to sail. So Sir Galahad set off for Fitzroy, with less than nine hours of darkness ahead of her.

At Fitzroy, 5 Brigade's staff had received no information about Sir Galahad's movements. Sir Tristram had arrived unannounced before dawn on June 7 and Major Todd, having deposited his 300 Welsh Guards at Bluff Cove, had crossed to Fitzroy with his two landing craft to supervise her unloading. He had six landing craft at his disposal, plus a Mexefloat pontoon.

Whatever message was sent from Fearless at San Carlos on June 7 concerning the rest of the Welsh Guards being sent south on Sir Galahad, there is no evidence that it arrived either at the brigade headquarters at Darwin or forward at Fitzroy. In ignorance, 5 Brigade at Fitzroy relinquished five of the six landing craft overnight: four sailed to rejoin their mother-ship, Intrepid; the fifth was despatched to Goose Green.

Only one person at Fitzroy was expecting Sir Galahad when she arrived there at 8.15 on the morning of June 8. Just before she arrived, Maj. Todd, on board Sir Tristram, had read a signal that had come in overnight on the ship's teleprinter. It gave Sir Galahad's revised departure and arrival time. At that stage, a single landing craft and a Mexefloat pontoon were moored alongside Sir Tristram, waiting for the tide to change.

Todd gathered them together and crossed over to Sir Galahad, now anchored 200 yards away, to start grappling with the new and difficult situation. It was a beautiful clear day; they could see, and be seen, for miles.

Boarding Sir Galahad through the stern gate, Todd invited the commanding officers of the two Welsh Guards rifle companies on board, Sayle and Major Charles Bremner, to take their men ashore immediately at Fitzroy. This, of course, contradicted their expectation, which was to be taken directly to Bluff Cove by sea without separating their men from their equipment. They requested to be taken there without delay.

Maj. Southby-Tailyour, who had also crossed to Sir Galahad from Sir Tristram, joined the discussion on the tank deck. He indicated that it was too dangerous to send the landing craft or the LSL itself to Bluff Cove in daylight, and advised the officers to take their men ashore at Fitzroy. But the frustrated Welsh Guards officers were determined not to allow their men to become a low priority once again.

There were no direct communications between the LSL and 5 Brigade headquarters at Fitzroy settlement, a 20-minute walk from the beach. So Southby-Tailyour was despatched there to seek new orders, leaving the landing craft and the Mexefloat at the beach to begin offloading their pallets of ammunition, more than an hour after the ship had anchored.

The senior staff officer at Fitzroy was Major Barney Rolfe-Smith. His

superiors were all assembled on board Fearless (again anchored in the relative safety of San Carlos Water), for Moore's all-day council of war. Sir Galahad was not uppermost in their minds.

Rolfe-Smith initially greeted Southby-Tailyour's message with disbelief: he thought that most of the Welsh Guards had already landed at Bluff Cove that night before. After an hour's deliberation, he decided that they should disembark first. As soon as the landing craft had unloaded its ammunition, it was to take the Welsh Guards to Bluff Cove - in daylight.

After midday, nearly four hours after Sir Galahad's arrival, the landing craft finished unloading and went back empty to the ship. In the meantime, however, Lt. Col. Roberts had succeeded in getting 5 Brigade's fresh decision altered. It was now agreed that his advance medical unit of 12 men and nine vehicles should get off first - before the Guards.

After depositing the medics on Fitzroy beach, there was a further delay: the landing craft was sent round to the jetty at Fitzroy settlement to take on rations and fuel destined for Bluff Cove. Finally, five hours after Sir Galahad's arrival, it returned to the ship to take off the first load of Welsh Guards - but as the landing craft approached the stern gate of Sir Galahad, its ramp jammed.

Forty miles away at San Carlos, a first wave of Argentine aircraft swooped down to attack HMS Plymouth. The single pair of Harriers patrolling the islands south of Falkland were summoned in response to Plymouth's call for help.

No such defences were available to Sir Galahad: no frigates in the area, no Harriers airborne, no Rapiers operational, no Blowpipe troops deployed: poor communications delayed receipt of the original air raid warning at Fitzroy by 12 minutes, and there was no direct link to pass the message on to the ships anchored in the bay. At 2.10pm, four Argentine Skyhawks attacked Sir Galahad and Sir Tristram.

Sir Galahad was hit four times. One unexploded bomb passed clean through the ship's hull. Another exploded in the midst of the Welsh Guards' mortar platoon, assembled in a confined space on the tank deck. Most of them were killed. After the initial shock, the survivors groped around in the darkness and smoke to find escape hatches, with ammunition exploding all around them.

Forty-eight men died on board Sir Galahad, 38 of them Welsh Guards. Two more died on board Sir Tristram. More than 150 were wounded.

Only the heroism of the helicopter crews who flew into the black smoke to rescue the wounded, of the doctors who saved lives and of the soldiers, medics and crew who did what they could to rescue comrades trapped in the wreckage, smoke and flames, did something to save the day.



People who do very unusual jobs indeed

No 9: The man who poses for photographs on the back of shy authors' books

"My face has appeared on 20 or 30 books, and always as the author. I've been a famous thriller writer, a self-sufficiency expert, a professor of semantics, part of *The Sunday Times* insight team - you name it, I've been it. With a blonde wig, I've been the occasional Mills and Boon-type author."

who runs from the camera is the one most obsessed with their appearance? Funny, that. Anyway, the publisher always likes to have a photo on the back, so they get me in.

"Then there's the best-selling author who doesn't like to be recognized in public. So he doesn't want his mug staring out of a million paperbacks, does he? People coming up to him and saying, 'Your characterization was really rosy in chapter eight, you old fraud.' They write a little clause in their contract saying they must not be pictured on the cover, so again they get someone like me in."

"But quite honestly, the main reason is that so many authors look so naïf. They simply don't look the part. You buy a heart-stopping, sexy, thrill-a-minute book, and you don't want a bloke staring at you who looks as if he couldn't defend himself

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against a poodle, do you? Or, if he had to kiss a girl, always find himself kissing her nose? So, rather than put a picture of a wet civil servant on the back, the publisher sends for me. No boasting, but I'm semi-rugged, semi-sensitive and that's good for trade.

"Authors are lucky in that they generally don't have to appear in public and even when they do, people don't twig that the bloke on *Russell Hardy* looks nothing like the bloke on the book. It's different if you're a performer. Like, if you're a singer, you can't sing behind a screen. Well, Elton John can sing behind a toupee, huge specs and a grand piano, but even so you can see bits of him."

"That's why I admire Barry

Manilow so much. To have gone so far with a face like that. And songs like that. And, let's be honest, a voice like that. If he'd been an author, he'd been alive would have dared to put his face on a book.

"I think if the public found out how many of their favourite authors were really publishers' models, they'd feel cheated. But I don't see it as cheating. To my way of thinking, I look more like many of my authors than they do. To put it another way, people often don't look like themselves. Have you seen the faces on the election leaflets? Hello, I'm your friendly Labour candidate and all that? Terrible, terrible. They usually look more like Jack the Ripper or Yuri Andropov."

"There's a new trend among publishers to choose authors for their looks. Let's get someone who's going to look smashing on the back of the book, they say. No names, no pack drill, but they sign up Jackie this and Jilly that and Pat the other, just for the glamour. Well, what I want to know is this: can they write as well? I'm only asking."

"Incidentally, Mr Kingston, I hope you don't mind my asking, but who've you got for that picture at the top of your column? Because - and no offence meant - he doesn't do a great deal for it. Either a manic frown. What you need is someone semi-rugged, semi-sensitive. Yes, like me."

"On second thoughts, you ought to do a Richard Boston. Remember that? When he was writing a regular piece for *The Guardian* he used to complain about his mug-shot, so one day the subs stuck in a picture of

Telly Savalas. The readers loved it. Next week they used a picture of Elvis, after that one of Brigitte Bardot, but then the editor stepped in and said it would have to stop. Great pity, I always thought."

"Know who I think would look good at the top of your column? Brahms. Brahms as a young man. Great face. Better than yours. Why not try it just once? See what people think. See if they even notice. Believe me, I think it would work and I should know. I'm doing myself out of a job, after all."

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The Moreover guide to television coverage of the election

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY

Home is where the burnt toast is

My daughter tells me she is leaving home. Such moments are never easy for a father, but when the girl is four years old the sense of failure is engulfing. My wife is busy feeding the baby and my three-year-old son is in the potty dicing a slug with his Viking sword, so I have no one to turn to but you. If I am honest, this blow is not entirely unexpected; she has been expressing dissatisfaction with the menage for some time. We are falling down badly on what you might term the Egon Ronay and Isabella Beaton departments: the toast too black, the bread too crusty, the buns too hard, the TV too small, the Hoover too loud, the newspapers too dull, the salary too meagre, the weather too wet, that sort of thing. A no-star rating all round, away with the RAC sign, and of course a merciless drubbing in the next issue of *Which Parents?* She has been having a run-in with my wife on the matter of tidiness (I don't know who was upbraiding whom), and has announced that as from Monday next she will be living in the pub. She doesn't say which one, so I suppose I will have to wait for the change of address card like everyone else.

The window-smearer is here today, and all is gloom. His name is Caetano, but I have no intention of making jokes against the Portuguese only against Caetano. He does have a certain scarcity value as the only Portuguese window cleaner in town, and charges accordingly. He starts at the top and works downwards - as many Latins are said to do - and the effect is of a shawl being draped over a lampshade; there is darkness where once there was light. He is skating a wiper blade across the panes in time to a throaty rendering of *Victoria de los Angeles* bados, but somehow there are still filthy smudges drooling down the glass when he has finished. I really don't know how he does it. I have seen window cleaners from the pointillist and fauvist schools - the dabblers and dabbers of their trade - but this chap must be a virtuoso. A swirling free-former of whom even Wyndham Lewis would have approved. Certainly he is an obscurist, as the garden is now invisible. I only mention Caetano because at times of family crisis the most disparate elements are hijacked for political ends. I shall return to this theme when things become clearer.



an now offer you a transcript of *Leaving Home* tapes which I e you if I am to expect any sympathy - which I don't. We have established that the Waterman's in River Street is to be her home.

But they don't take children.

They do in the garden.

I see, and who will look after?

David and Charlotte's Daddy.

But he doesn't live at the Waterman's Arms.

David and Charlotte's Mummy does.

Me: And will you come and visit me?
Her: No, you'll come and visit me.
Me: Ah.
Her: Can you take me in the car?
I have this recurring nightmare which involves a 17-year-old called Ray who is in love with his motorbike and my daughter, in that order. He is forever disturbing her A level revision and plucking her away on the pillion of his throbbing monster. His opening line is always: "I got the spare skidlid, Mr Franks", which is in fairness to him, meant to be reassuring, but which never fails to have the opposite effect. If only he'd forget the damned skidlid I could block the outing on a technicality, but then I suppose he would only try to engage her in some indoor pursuit just as damaging to her interest. I cannot blame her for preferring Ray to André Gide, who probably never in his life roared a Harley Davidson at 80 down Tolworth Broadway, or cut a dash in his leathers at the Excel Bowl. Very well, you could retort that Ray is unlikely to come up with L'Immoraliste. But by the way she ties her arms around his waist like a scarf and leans in triumph at his motor as the all rev off, I suspect that he has no shortage of material.

A change of plan. The Waterman's Arms project is off.
Her: I'm going to live in a swimming pool in Ber-muda.
Me: Really? Who's going to pay?
Her: The Times.
Me: That's jolly kind of them. How much will it cost?
Her: Two pence twenty quid.
Me: Very reasonable.



To revert to Caetano: he has now completed his impression of a total eclipse of the sun and is singing a doleful reprise about some wretched dove that has lost its way in a storm. I know the feeling. Caetano, though it is not entirely his fault, has precipitated this Leaving Home business. He always makes a point of ingratiating himself with the children as they play in the front garden; they then - so he claims - tell him their parents would love the windows cleaned, and by the time the first signs are being draped across your vision, it is too late to stop him, for the poor man has been stricken with a sudden language problem. My daughter has enjoyed my disfigurement on many of these occasions, and I still believe it was my hard words her he decided it was time to clear out.

Bermuda plan still on. Another rotten night for me, with three Tay dreams on the trot. These ones are so vivid that I creep to my daughter's bedroom just to check that she is still there on the top bunk, that she has not aged 13 years in five hours, and that there are not copies of Gide on the Beatrix Potter shelf. But when I catch a glimpse of her little tress, her soft menagerie crammed into a basket for the eight-hour haul from Heathrow, I realize that reality is gaining ground on the dream.

THE TIMES COOK



Shona Crawford Poole

Flights of fancy

ham Bamboo shoots are sold in tins by every Oriental grocer, and these shops are also the places to buy dried Chinese mushrooms (black or brown), soy sauce, plum sauce, and sesame seed oil, if a local supermarket cannot supply them. A capacious and well-behaved frying pan can be substituted for a wok.

Sautéed minced pigeon
Serves four
30 g (1 oz) dried Chinese mushrooms
Breast meat of 2 young pigeons, about 225 g (8 oz)
110 g (4 oz) tinned bamboo shoots
55 g (2 oz) Yunnan or other smoked ham
55 g (2 oz) spring onions
55 g (2 oz) shelled peanuts
55 g (2 oz) pine kernels
Salt
Sugar
Monosodium glutamate (optional)
1 teaspoon cornflour

he recipe can very well be le with chicken. Guinea or young game birds would ovely too. I have not found ouce of the salted and ked Yunnan ham used in a, and use instead Parma a or a well flavoured cooked



Carolyn Douglas and Ruth Schmidt conducting an Exploring Parenthood workshop

Growing into parenthood

More and more people are seeking advice to help them to avoid the pitfalls of bringing up their children. Peta Levi explains

Jennie is in her early forties and is one of a growing number of people attracted to workshops run by a new national organization called Exploring Parenthood. A primary school teacher, she divorced her alcoholic husband 15 months ago and is bringing up three children aged 10, seven and five. She says: "I think that the old guidelines for bringing up a family have gone out of the window - religion is weak and moral values have been turned upside down."

"I don't turn to friends for advice because none is in a similar position; and my parents, like many others, are suspicious of anything starting with 'yes', so they fall back on the traditional ways of bringing up a family."

She does not know what caused her husband's alcoholism, but says that with his strict religious background, he thought he could cure it through his own willpower and was not prepared to seek psychotherapeutic help. But Jennie took herself to a psychiatrist and the family to a child guidance clinic to help them through this difficult time. "There were no specific problems - the children weren't bed-wetting or screaming at night - but I wanted a safety net for them and a sounding-board for myself to test out what I was thinking and feeling. I am aware of some of the traps, like becoming a dominant mother to my son when there is no father figure. I wondered if I was wasting the child counsellor's time, but she said it was refreshing for her to see a family before the children had become delinquent and before the mother was having a nervous breakdown; a great deal of children's behaviour depends on how the mother is feeling and coping."

Exploring Parenthood discusses and explores with professionals as well as with other parents the everyday challenges and pleasures of being a parent. It was formed in 1982 by Ruth Schmidt, a child psychotherapist, and Carolyn Douglas, a family therapist, who were colleagues for seven years in the Department for Children and Parents at the Paddington Centre for Psychotherapy. Through their work at the centre they saw a wide range of children with behaviour problems and realized that there is a great lack of knowledge about the emotional development of children and adults and that many parents would have welcomed the opportunity to discuss behaviour patterns

with professionals before a crisis erupted.

In 1981 Ruth and Carolyn were invited to give a workshop on parenthood for the Westminster Pastoral Foundation (an organization for training counsellors). Afterwards they sent a report to Dr Hugh Jolly, paediatrician at Charing Cross Hospital. Jolly became interested and spent an afternoon questioning them on their ideas and aims. At the end he suggested they should start a national organization as he felt there was a great need for such workshops. He is now joint sponsor of Exploring Parenthood with Richard Whitfield, Professor of Education at Aston University.

Carolyn is in her early forties and is married with three children; Ruth is in her late thirties and is unmarried. Both are warm and caring. They have selected a team of 12 professionals from people whose work they know well and most of whom have families. This peripatetic team, which includes psychiatrists, psychologists, analysts, therapists and a marriage guidance counsellor, will travel to any part of Britain to give a workshop. They have already held two in London and one in Paris for English-speaking parents abroad (Carolyn is now based in Paris because of her husband's job). Workshops usually take the form of talks from professionals followed by small group discussions. Requests to run workshops have come from groups as varied as the North East Pre-School Playgroups Association, parents representing the National Childbirth Trust and National Housewives Register and a London-based company for their employees, mostly male, who often face stress of various kinds with their families. The themes of future workshops will include Divorce and separation; Parents and their adolescent children; and Full Circle, from birth to old age, including parenting one's parents.

Is such an organization really necessary? I asked a north London GP who for 14 years has run a large family practice. He felt that parents would be unlikely to go to such workshops unless they had a problem, and that the National

Health Service in most parts of the country provides an adequate standard of help for people with specific problems. But, he added, many people are frightened about seeking professional advice, particularly if the problem is emotional rather than physical, and an organization which bridged the gap between parents and professionals would be a good thing.

The doctor also pointed out that most social rules have been successfully challenged over the last 20 years and this had led to insecurity and uncertainty about where the boundaries lie. More children were going to his surgery with physical complaints - headaches, tummy aches and recently a severe case of eczema - which turned out to be caused by emotional stress at home.

Who goes to the Exploring Parenthood workshops? A surprising variety of people - happily married couples, single fathers/mothers, divorced, separated people and one couple who did not have children but wanted to know how a family might affect their lives. One single-parent father, who runs his own business from home, does the cooking and housework and brings up his teenage son and daughter, says he finds the workshops useful because they provide "a professional environment where I can discuss intimate worries with intelligent people - not subjects I particularly want to discuss with my friends. Having to be mother and father, I want to increase my knowledge of how children develop emotionally and physically, so that I can help them to realize their potential."

Most, but not all, participants are middle class. One woman who is not, a representative of the One O'Clock Club run by the GLC, says, "Many London working class parents of pre-school children feel isolated, either because they are single parents or because they have moved away from their families. They feel they are constantly being criticized and told what to do, when in fact they are doing a good parenting job, but need their self-confidence built up in order to carry on."

Her observation was supported by the results of a survey just published

in *Woman* magazine. Of 7,000 mothers who replied to a questionnaire, one in seven hardly ever ventures out with small children because of the hostility they meet from the general public; the combination of this hostility and the physical problems with push-chairs on public transport revealed that one in three never take their children on trains and one in five don't attempt to travel on a bus; one in three won't go to the local park because of the dogs' dirt or fear of gangs of youths. Considering that 70 per cent of women in Britain don't drive, these are appalling figures.

Don't most people turn to their friends and family for advice on bringing up children? Ruth replies: "The notion that problems can safely be contained within the family is highly idealized. Much misery and thwarting of growth went unnoticed in the past, mainly because people's expectations were more limited and the idea of personal growth and change had not become as acceptable as it is today. An understanding of emotional development is hardly a luxury pursuit for the limited few, but an extension of public health."

Ruth and Carolyn believe there is a tremendous emotional investment in parenthood - often blanketed by secrecy because of the fear of failure. The statistics supplied by child guidance clinics are therefore unlikely to give an accurate picture of the general level of stress.

Ruth concludes: "We are trying to disseminate basic information about the requirements for healthy emotional growth and development and to combine parental skills with those of experts to help parents understand the meaning of their own and their children's behaviour, so that they are not shattered by events erupting 'out of the blue', like drug addiction, failure in later life, depression and suicide; wasted lives and ambitions. This process is also one of discovery for both parents and children and can be pleasurable and exciting for both."

The single-parent father quoted earlier commented: "Twenty years ago businessmen scoffed at the idea of sending managers to business school, but today it is accepted that you train in order to become a more effective businessman. Today people may laugh at training parents to parent, but one day people will accept it as part of a normal education."

TALKBACK

Swedish slant

From Bo Carlsson, Richmond, Surrey
I read the article about Swedish children who are taken into care (*Times*, May 27) with horror and sadness. However, my reaction was not caused by the plight of children and families subjected to namby-pamby official meddling. My horror was at the gross distortion of truth in the article. My sadness was that *The Times* published it.

For the past 13 years I have been working with issues concerning children in Sweden and abroad. I have also had the opportunity to look into almost all figures concerning children in Sweden.

It is not true that between five and ten times as many children are taken into care in Sweden as in any comparable country. In 1978, for example, 10,187 children under 18 were taken into care by Swedish local authorities. This does not include children voluntarily placed into foster homes by their parents. Even adding voluntary fostering to compulsory orders, the total comes to around 1 per cent of the child population. For Britain the figure is about the same.

The article says that 30,278 decisions were made by the child care authorities in 1979 so that every third child born in Sweden can expect to come to the attention of social workers. This is a distortion. Many of these decisions are multiple, ie, two or three decisions about the same child. Many of the decisions are also responses to requests from parents for nursery school placements or for day-care help for working parents. The conclusions drawn from the statistics in *The Times* article are, therefore, bogus.

Marriage meaning

From Mrs Molly Cross, Warkworth, Northumberland
As a woman with 39 years' experience of happy married life behind me, during which my husband and I both worked and shared the household jobs, (and this is by no means a unique situation in our more than middle-aged age group), I felt impelled to reply to Veronica Edwards' article on the subject of marriage (*May 27*). In my opinion, it reveals a total misunderstanding of what marriage is about.

Marriage, at whatever stage, should not be a matter of struggling to retain one's independence. If that is the case, then why marry? True freedom involves responsibility, and happiness is not achieved by simply doing your own thing. In the case of marriage, freedom is a two-way process of give and take.

I am sorry for Veronica Edwards. Hers is a shabby substitute for the real thing.

Hard of hearing

From Mrs D. M. Myers, Chorleywood, Herts.

Kathy Robinson's report in *First Person* (June 1) of her daughter's schooling was good reading. I am sure the hearing-impaired are happy with the increased recognition of their problems. However, while the hearing-impaired child possibly derives great benefits from the type of education Mrs Robinson describes, one wonders what the future will hold socially for such children. From our own observation, a generation is emerging which cannot communicate happily with the hearing - it is very difficult to keep up with them in the long term!

Even more unhappily, they cannot communicate with their hearing-impaired fellows to the detriment of themselves and their fellows. Parents opting for this type of education should ensure that their children keep in touch with the hearing-impaired.

Out of the valley of tranquillizers

FIRST PERSON

At its worst, being a Valium addict is like those first five minutes after you've just missed having a major car crash: a sense of shock and panic, shaking, feeling sick, not being able to see quite clearly or hear what people are saying.

I was five when the war broke out. My parents were both schoolteachers. The whole family lived in awe of my grandfather, who was a country doctor, a fearsome, dogmatic man who instilled in us all a terror of being happy. We moved all the time. We were quite badly bombed. Before I was 16 I had been to 12 schools.

I longed to leave home. My parents were controlling, yet confusion reigned on every level. As soon as I could get away I found a job on a local newspaper. I was so desperate to be wanted that it took me over 12 months to get out of the night shift. I only left to become a mature student at university.

When I was 26 I went to North America and found a job with an advertising company. I was even quite happy but then I started getting depressed and anxious. Soon I grew terribly frightened.

The first doctor I went to see gave me Librium. It made me calmer. I just kept going back to doctors for repeat prescriptions: I seemed to be able to convince them that I needed it. In those days no one said anything about it being addictive. You just took your "tranx" along with you as you might your lipstick.

Bit by bit, I built the dose up. From three Librium, I went over to Valium. From three Valium I moved up to four, and then five. First they were 15mg

took me 14 hours a day to do 6 hours work. Then I cut them down one side: I started to dribble slightly. My sphincter muscles went: I kept wetting myself. Above all, I was frightened, full of panic.

Then I had the incredible luck to meet an ex-alcoholic. He took me to AA and then to Narcotics Anonymous. I heard people talking about the tranquillizers. It was then that I realized what had happened to me: I had become an addict.

I listened and learnt what I should do. I decided to come off by myself, very slowly. I was terrified of losing control, being put in a bin. I lowered the dose, by fraction, by fraction, by milligram by milligram, breaking the pills up into fragments. I kept going only by listening to people who had survived the experience. I had never felt so ill, so desperate, so full of fear. I couldn't drive, I couldn't read properly because my eyes watered all the time. One doctor who I went to see put me on Ativan instead. I seemed to feel worse.

It took me two years to come off completely. For the last five weeks I had to take leave from the office and go to bed. I had stopped being able to walk. For nearly 20 years, fear was the currency of my life.

Today I have to get used to living with no pills of any kind. Very, very slowly things are beginning to come right. I'm alive, I'm a remade person.

Caroline Moorehead writes: Anna (not her real name) is now a successful management consultant. She refers to herself as a tranquillizer addict - of Valium, Librium, Ativan - and

Tranxene. She has been free, or "clean" as she puts it, for just over a year.

Anna's experience is remarkable for the length of her dependency, for the size of her doses and for her courage in forcing herself to give them up. Yet it is not unique and doctors today are testifying in growing numbers to patients who took the benzodiazepine tranquillizers - a misnomer, as it happens, for the family of some 25 drugs kills emotion rather than tranquillizes - in the early 1960s when they became readily available and are dependent on them to this day.

Between 100,000 and 250,000 people in Britain today are believed to be dependent on these drugs, to the extent that withdrawal is physically and psychologically traumatic. Professor Malcolm Lader of the Institute of Psychiatry says: "In terms of numbers the problem is five times that of heroin at this moment."

Until five years ago, few people in the medical profession even noticed that tranquillizers were capable of inducing all the same symptoms of dependency as barbiturates or alcohol. The worth of the benzodiazepines had been proven in cases of chronic and acute anxiety, and as anti-convulsants and muscle relaxants and universally accepted as very desirable substitutes for the old barbiturates - safer, fewer side effects and almost no risk of overdose.

But patients consulting their doctors for conditions of mild depression and anxiety were routinely being handed prescriptions for these drugs - particularly women, for whom the benzodiazepines were regarded as gentler and more appropriate alternatives to the true anti-depressants.

But then, five years ago, people started appearing at drug addiction units, self-help medical groups and GP's complaining that when they tried to lower the doses of their tranquillizers or get off them altogether, they were suffering appalling physical and mental discomfort.

"It was all anecdotal to start with," explains Professor Lader, whose research team in London is one of the two in place together with Nottingham, where benzodiazepine dependency and withdrawal is now a subject of investigation and research. "But slowly we started gathering a profile of symptoms: heightened sensitivity to noise and light; pins and needles; metallic tastes in the mouth; feelings of disorientation; nausea; dizziness; palpitations."

Symptoms of severe withdrawal occur, Professor Lader says, after only six months on the upper limit of the recommended dose (30 mg per day) or as little as a month on a very high one. Yet coming off has to be taken seriously - sudden stopping has been known to produce epileptic fits. Professor Lader agrees that there undoubtedly exist a few people whose anxiety is such that a lifelong dependency on Valium is preferable to any alternative. He believes it is from patients themselves rather than doctors that a proper mistrust of too easy a use of these drugs will come as their powerful properties of dependency become better known. "Even then," he says, "we are left with an enormous number of people who are dependent, who need to withdraw, who must have the right medical help, and for whom at present there is no provision, no money and very little understanding."

THE TIMES DIARY

Winner's triumph

When the Alliance discovered that the new constituency of Windsor and Maidenhead takes in Eton College, they applied, without much hope, to speak to the pupils there. To their amazement they have been accepted and the candidate, Paul Winner, is to address a meeting of senior masters and boys tomorrow. This is a rare privilege, for the college asks few speakers; true, they had one the other week, but his name was Alexander Solzhenitsyn. I expect the other parties feel they have missed a trick in not approaching the college, since Winner's talk is making headline news in the local press and radio station.

Sea of arms

A new starring role for the deputy leader of the Labour Party aboard the Conservative campaign bus between Bristol and Cardiff is that of Hamlet. Yesterday Healey was transformed, at a stroke, by Sir Ronald Millar, Thatcher's speech writer, who declaimed the following soliloquy, entitled *Polaris Apart*:

To be and not to be: that is the answer.
For surely 'tis not beyond the wit of man
(Though something less than nobler in the mind)
To have it both ways with the electorate?
To retain - that is to say, to have and hold -
The slings and arrows of this watery weapon,
Yet simultaneously to "phase it out"
(Over the period of a Parliament)
Unilaterally? But soft! Is't credible?
Credibility: ay, there's the rub.
The rest is silence.

Blues and Royals

Mrs Thatcher's love of martial music is being stretched to the utmost. She has been woken early on several mornings recently by the sound of regimental bands practising. Beating Retreat on Horse Guards Parade. She is an early waker, but 5.30 am is pushing it a little. I expect she would mind less were it not for the fact that military ceremony has already caused her one problem this campaign: if she is victorious at the polls tomorrow, the PM's proposed government changes will need the Queen's Assent but, as David Butler has pointed out, Her Majesty will be preoccupied with a little affair called Trooping the Colour.

Even if the Alliance is overhauling Labour, the position seems less healthy for the Gang itself. Esal, the bookmakers, are offering 100-1 against all four members being returned to Parliament.

Sincerest form...

I thought for a moment that *The Guardian* was ignoring us, so little were we mentioned in that paper's daily round-ups of Fleet Street's election coverage. However, I noticed in yesterday's edition that they have more than redressed the balance by lifting, lock, stock and boundary, the new improved constituency guide, which our design and map departments so effectively contrived. I have to tell *The Guardian* that, while such full-page advertisements are always welcome, they reproduced our tiny error in the numbering system.

Socialist change

Whatever businesses are going to the wall in Thatcherite Britain, *New Socialist* is not one of them. The Labour Party's "intellectual" bi-monthly has hit such prosperous times that it plans to go monthly, probably from September. But the magazine's success is posing a problem for the editor, James Curran, *Times* columnist (see far right) and senior lecturer at the Polytechnic of Central London. His editorial activities have not endeared him to the rather touchy policy administration, and the relaunched posed a stark choice for him: either become a full-time editor or return to being a full-time policy lecturer. He has chosen the latter, leaving the chair empty for another committed Labour Party journalist. If I had to name a likely successor, I would go for one of the original candidates, Stuart Weir, at present an assistant editor of *New Society*.

The *Haywards Heath Conservatives' poster*, "Give Labour an inch and we may end up with a Foot," has brought this scrawled rejoinder on a hoarding: "Without a roof, who needs a Thatcher?"

Unsung

The obituaries missed one small but significant piece of information in their tributes to the conductor Sir Anthony Lewis, who died on Sunday. None mentioned that he conducted Joan Sutherland's first recording sessions in 1958, when she sang Handel's dramatic oratorio *Esther*. His encouragement and her success on that occasion were of considerable importance in the development of her early career.

Friends of the Earth have news for the pollsters: the Tories are trailing dismally and have no hope of catching the Alliance. Admittedly this is based on a rather sectional canvassing operation, in which FoE assessed one in five of election candidates on their "environmental acceptability". Successful respondents received this special seal of approval. As expected, the Ecology Party scored 100 per cent, Labour 97 the Alliance 86. The Tory returns were "statistically insignificant".

PHS

Thatcher pulls it off... this time

by David Watt

When this election campaign started the fashionable view was that "the issue is Mrs Thatcher". This was wrong. The time of Mrs Thatcher as an issue will inevitably come, perhaps in 18 months, perhaps in two or three years, when her popularity - already, in my opinion, past its zenith - becomes inadequate to cope with some major crisis and when her personality becomes a liability instead of an asset.

The issue in this election has been the Labour Party, which has been measured first of all as a more plausible government than the Conservatives, and, when it evidently failed to deliver the first week of the campaign, as a more plausible opposition than the Alliance. If tomorrow's vote shows that Labour has failed the second test as well as the first, that will not be the end of the story, of course. Thanks to the electoral system (whose anomalies, incidentally, are going to be more outrageously exposed by this election than ever before) it is inconceivable that the Alliance will become the second largest grouping in the House of Commons on any realistic estimate of its popular vote.

A new Labour leadership - a new generation of leaders for that matter - may therefore be able in the course of a four or five year parliament to put together a quite new left-of-centre coalition that has vitality, credibility and a coherent constituency of interests behind it. Both the Democrats and the Republicans in America have done that at various times since the Civil War, and there is nothing intrinsically hopeless about such a task in Britain. Mrs Thatcher herself implied this the other day when she said that "the Labour Party will not die; it will metamorphose".

Nevertheless this campaign has demonstrated more clearly than ever before that a decade's progressive process of decay has now affected the higher faculties of the Labour Party and paralysis is so far advanced that Labour must either find a miracle cure in the next four years or it will probably cease to be the main opposition party in this country.

It is tempting, naturally, to put the current failure down to Mr Foot's shambolic, unstuck appearance, or Mr Healey's apologetic gaffes (or going back a bit further), to the Militant controversy and the amazing idiocies contained in some perfectly sensible policies in the Labour platform. But one has to ask how these things have come about.

First came the blurring of the boundaries of what used to be called the working class. Then that working class gradually ceased to feel automatic loyalty to Labour as the

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engine of social and financial advancement. There followed boredom at constituency level, sclerosis in the trade union movement and frustration in Parliament. The activists took over the grass roots, the ostriches took over at Westminster.

Power has been the name of the Labour Party's game for the last decade - a power struggle within the party and the enjoyment of government for its own sake by its leaders. No one has been able or has even tried to redefine national goals

for a progressive party in terms that a changing class constituency can feel relevant. This is what is losing Labour the election.

This does not mean that the vote for Mrs Thatcher has been an entirely negative one. On the contrary, she has fought a nearly flawless campaign. But it is the business of oppositions to force mistakes at election time. To put it bluntly, Mrs Thatcher has been allowed to get away with it. She has never been obliged to spell out her own policies for the future, which still remain shrouded in obscurity, and, above all, she has never been thrown on to the defensive (except momentarily by Sir Robin Day) about unemployment, Labour, the party of union militancy and profligate inefficiency, has been in no position to put the questions.

The result of this was charted vividly in the Harris Opinion Poll in *The Observer* last Sunday. It appears from this that more people in the country believe Labour's policies would reduce unemployment than believe Conservative policies would. More voters, over all, even believed that Labour would be better for their kind of person than the Conservatives. But more have come to the conclusion that the Conservatives would govern "for the good of the country".

There is no way of interpreting these figures other than as an indication that Labour's campaign has completely failed. The majority of the British people evidently believe that unemployment is good for us, or is at worst a visitation upon us for past sins. Once this self-flagellating mood prevails, the stage is set for the grand entrance of Mrs Thatcher and her "strength through suffering, hope through horror"

banner. And when these slogans are accepted, normal assumptions go out of the window and a weird, Alice in Wonderland logic takes their place. Every fresh person thrown out of work becomes a new gauge of optimism and every Labour cry of outrage or despair is, as it were, hijacked instantly to support the Conservative case.

I wrote three weeks ago that the British voters had got their answers more or less "right" since the war, and the question is whether this is one of their "off" years. The humiliation of the old Labour Party can plausibly be said to be the electorate's historic task this time, and since our present constitutional arrangements will not allow this to

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be achieved at this stage without a sizeable Conservative majority, even those who do not like Mrs Thatcher and her masochist triumphalism may well regard her victory as a price worth paying.

The trick, however, will be to ensure in the process the preservation of enough of the Alliance party to allow them to consolidate during the next parliament and to take over the torch of moderate opposition if a new Labour Party finally fails to pick it up. This requires the miraculously fine tuning of a very coarse system, but I shall not be surprised on Friday morning to discover that in their wonderful and mysterious way the voters have done it again.

Paul Barry on the public inquiry that may become another flying circus



AGAINST: Protesters such as Connie Hunt, above, fear that what starts as a small airstrip may turn into a giant airport

Should the next airport land in the middle of London?

At 10 o'clock this morning, battle commences in what could become an ugly fight to build London's third airport. But the scene is not Stansfeld, where a public inquiry has already been in progress for many months. This airport would be right in the heart of London - to be precise on the site of the now-closed Royal Albert Docks.

The public inquiry that starts today is expected to last 10 weeks. On one side will be the construction company John Mowlem, which wants to build the airport; Brynmor Airways, a small Plymouth airline which would run it jointly with Mowlem; and the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) which makes no secret of its support for the airport proposal. On the other will be a vociferous bunch of local residents backed by the Labour-controlled Greater London Council and Newham Borough Council.

The inquiry may mark only the start of the battle. Mrs Connie Hunt, leader of Campaign Against the Airport, says: "If the inquiry gives the airport the go-ahead we'll do everything we can to sabotage it. We'll sit in the way of the workmen, we'll even camp on the runway. No way are we going to have an airport here."

Approval for an airport bang in the middle of London might appear to be as likely as a landslide victory for the Labour Party tomorrow, but this airport has a strong chance of winning through. First, an opinion poll taken in April for Newham Borough Council shows that twice as many locals are in favour of the airport as are against it. Second, it has the backing of the local planning authority, the LDDC, and, implicitly, the Tory Government, which created the LDDC to revitalize the area. Third, this is an airport with a difference, it is a Stolport.

In layman's terms, Stolport means that the airport will be using planes that take off and land steeply, thus spreading their noise over a small area. The would-be airport operators, Mowlem and Brynmor Airways, plan to use Canadian-built Dash 7 aircraft, which are already operating at Stolports in Toronto and Ottawa. These planes are particularly quiet, as even opponents of the docklands airport admit.

An airport in docklands would thus be nothing like Heathrow where the noise stretches about 200 miles from north to south and 300 miles from east to west. In docklands, the noise area would be only two miles long by 600 yards wide and, in addition, peak noise

levels would be far lower. By the Government's scale of measurement, they will not even constitute a "moderate noise nuisance" to local residents.

Yet any noise is bad enough according to the Campaign Against the Airport. Members fear the operators will use aircraft noisier than the Dash 7 and that the airport will be such a success that it will be used far more than the applicants now say.

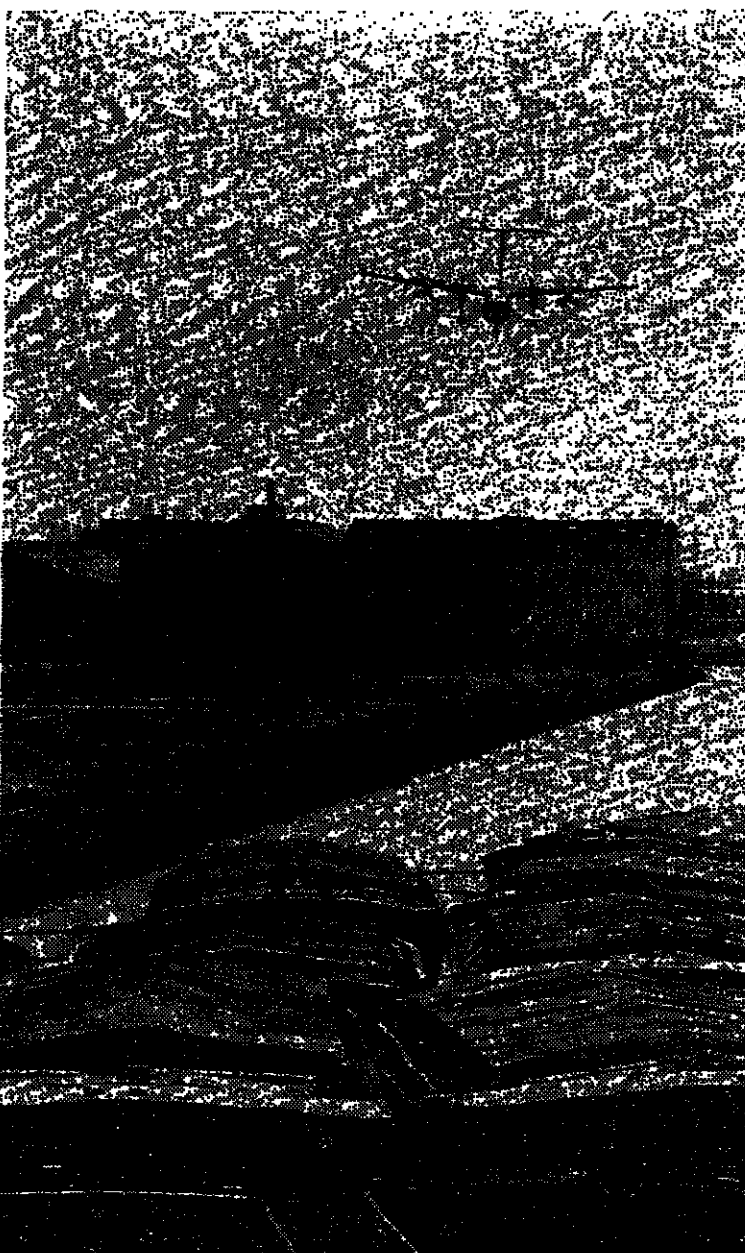
In reply, Mowlem and Brynmor state that they are quite happy to accept restrictions on the airport's use by, for example, limiting aircraft movements to one every 10 minutes (as against one a minute at Heathrow) and agreeing not to use planes noisier than the Dash 7. But their opponents believe that commercial pressure would lead to such promises being broken.

There is one point on which protesters and proponents agree: the airport is likely to be a great commercial success. The plans envisage that it would ultimately carry one million passengers a year on short-haul routes in Britain and Europe. Mowlem and Brynmor have already made applications to fly routes to Manchester, Plymouth and the Channel Islands in Britain, plus Paris, Brussels, Rotterdam, Amsterdam and Frankfurt. They are also considering other British cities.

On routes like these they would reckon to offer time savings of around 30 per cent for the business traveller. To anyone based in the City of London the advantages are obvious: no more fighting through rush-hour traffic for an hour or more to get to Heathrow. And the



FOR: Bill Bryce, chairman of Brynmor Airways, says the scheme could be the best thing ever to happen to the disused docks



TOUCHDOWN: Dash 7 planes like this one, shown landing on the site last year, are quiet enough to be operated in cities, say the airport's backers

Stolport's operators hope to add another one: reduced waiting time by using buses as mobile check-ins. These "stolmobiles" are already used with great success in Ottawa and Toronto.

The protesters fear that an airport with these advantages would prove so popular that there would be great pressure to expand - that approval of the wedge to a huge airport on their doorstep. The applicants' answer to this is that the small size of the site, effectively on a concrete pier between two existing docks, is a guarantee that the airport could never carry more than a million passengers a year.

The Stolport proponents promise jobs - some 750 to run the airlines, plus support services like catering, and unquantified number of spin-off jobs brought by the catalytic effect it will have in attracting industry. "Airports are great creators of jobs," says Philip Beck, chairman of Mowlem. "You only have to look at Gatwick and Heathrow to see that."

But the Campaign is still unconvinced, particularly by one report from consultants hired by the LDDC, that the Stolport will create 5,000 jobs in the area. Mrs Hunt says: "Businessmen won't spend any money here. They'll get off the plane and get straight on the bus to the City."

In fact, the Stolport will destroy jobs. There are 900 people working on the site who will lose their jobs if this airport goes ahead because they'll have to demolish the buildings they're working in.

The GLC and Newham council also doubt whether the airport will create many jobs, and have based their opposition on this, plus their belief that there are better uses for the site, as laid down in the Dockland Strategic Plan. Both organizations have given sizable grants to the Campaign. But the Stolport lobby says the council's

opposition to the project also has a political foundation, based on their heavy dislike of the LDDC.

It was set up by Michael Heseltine in 1981 and has assumed the planning role that used to rest with the local councils, which an observer said, "hate the LDDC and would do anything to make sure it isn't a success." But the LDDC has the backing of the Government and it seems likely that if rejected it would be keen to accept its schemes if the planning inquiry gives it room to do so.

Today's inquiry is only the first hurdle for the Stolport backers. They will also have to convince the Civil Aviation Authority that the airport should be allowed to go ahead, and then persuade it that Brynmor should be allocated the routes it wants. But the backers are already convinced that the CAA has no objection to the project and that a Conservative minister for aviation would look kindly on the aspirations of an independent and buccannering airline like Brynmor. As for problems of air traffic control, Mowlem is parading as its star witness Air Marshal Sir Ivor Broom, former controller of Britain's national air traffic system.

Both Mowlem and Brynmor believe their airport plan will be approved. If they didn't, Mowlem says, they would not now be embarking on an expensive process of putting their case to a public inquiry.

The opposition is a shambles," Bill Bryce says. "We've given them 12 months' notice of our plans and they're still crying for more time. I don't believe there is one valid objection that could prevent this from going ahead."

Perhaps not, but Connie Hunt would hardly agree. "This airport is just for the business people. It will do nothing for dockland. The opposition has snowballed. If this decision goes against us, don't think you've heard the end of it. That will be the beginning."

The true way to break the mould

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I suppose it's because for the first time in 20 years I have not been personally in the race, but it does seem to have dragged on a bit. Part of the trouble, obviously, has been that it has always looked like a one-horse affair. But what with the Saatchis' knocking copy, and Labour's descent into parrot-like expletives, and the preoccupation of both the main opposition groups with the delicate task of placing daggers between their own respective leaders' shoulder blades, it has hardly been a vintage campaign, has it?

Now, however, is the moment to stand up and be counted. So I shall say why I shall be voting Tory (apart from the fact that it would presumably rather spoil the symmetry of this series if I were to announce an intention to do otherwise). I shan't be voting Tory first and foremost because I believe that Labour's programme of detachment from our final means of self-defence, withdrawal from the European Community into penurious isolation and indulgence in Latin American style hyper-inflation is far, far too hazardous to permit the luxury of doing anything else - though I do. I shan't be voting Tory because the determination of the Lib-Lab Alliance to plunge us into another head-on confrontation with the union leadership by attempting yet again to put collective bargaining in the freezer is plain suicidal - though it is.

Nor shall I be voting Tory first and foremost because I believe that the outgoing administration has been the first to give this country a sense of confidence in its destiny for many a long year, or because it has been the first for 20 years to attend to the cure of the root causes of the inflation malignancy. Having been a witness to the remarkable transformation which de Gaulle achieved in the performance of the French nation 30 years ago by giving back to the French their confidence, I certainly do not underestimate the importance of the first of these considerations for a Tory vote. And having had a walk-on part in the application of the inflation cure these last 18 months I naturally attach a lot of weight to its continuance.

But in the end what counts, I think, is not what a party has performed in office, or what it promises to do in future, so much as what it enables the rest of us to do. Mrs Thatcher's real achievement, in my book, is that she has weaned us

from the fatuous illusion that government can somehow substitute for individual performance.

My generation grew up in an environment in which governments, regardless of party label, claimed to be able by their comparatively superior wisdom to guarantee full employment and a more swiftly growing economy. Because we cannot hope to be a self-sufficient nation, they were always doomed to failure. Competitiveness in international trade is not in the gift of gentlemen in Whitehall. So we lost markets. And as successive administrations attempted to compensate for lost competitiveness by debasement of the currency, inflation also gathered momentum.

Then, in a forlorn attempt to catch up on inflation, they tried to usurp the role of management in fixing prices and dividends, negotiating wages, and allocating investment. Since they never had, and - thank God - never would obtain a mandate for an east European-style command economy, it could only end in tears.

Mrs Thatcher has truly "broken the mould". She has returned to management the responsibility to manage. She has restored to the shopfloor the right to insist that those who negotiate on its behalf take cognisance of the consequences of their actions for employment. It has been a painful process - shedding comforting illusions is always going to be that but it has been truly indispensable.

There is still a long way to go. The convention that the public sector exists for the benefit of those who work in it is still too deeply engrained. The next administration will need ministers who see themselves as answerable to the consumer rather than their departmental empire-builders. For only as we shrink the sumptuary expenditures of state can we restore the vitality of the wealth creators and the market venturers. There is no guarantee that the next Tory administration will complete the cure. But that any other would abandon it is a cast-iron certainty. That is the clinching argument for me.

The author, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, was Conservative MP for Keston. He is not seeking re-election.

James Curran

Freedom for youth - to be unemployed

David Murray usually gets up around 11 o'clock in the morning, and at midday wanders down to the amusement arcade at the centre of Sheffield. In the afternoon, he sometimes calls at his girl friend's workplace for a chat. His favourite haunt in the evenings is a youth club, the Spring Street Project.

Aged 22, he has completed five YOI schemes and wants a proper job. But the last of many he has applied for - as a general labourer and more than 200 applicants and he did not get it. The experience of not getting anywhere, not doing anything, being rejected, has left a mark that his skinhead hairstyle and wary manner only partly conceal. Being out of work in a Thatcherite climate of opinion implies personal shortcomings - an inability to rise to the occasion and mount your bike to meet Mr Tebbit's garden gales or, simply and more naively, a lack of marketable talent. "Even my brother who was really brainy at school," said David defensively, "is in part-time work". Not having your own pay packet brings with it humiliations - "My girlfriend buys all my clothes", he told me awkwardly.

There are now 1,226,000 people under 25 who are out of work. Their prospects of finding regular work are, in most cases, bleak if Margaret Thatcher is re-elected. The foreboding accuracy, the Cambridge Economic Policy Group, predict that the total number of jobs will rise to between 3.7 and 4.2 million by 1988, and will continue to five million by the early 1990s, if government policies remain unchanged.

The reality of what is happening to young people in Britain is in contrast to the banner proclaiming "Britain's Youth - Strong and Free" that adorned the Young Conservatives rally on Sunday. But then, Thatcherism is a military force that cuts across and displaces what is happening in the real world, supplanting it with spurious images that feed off nationalism and traditional morality.

"Today has put the Great Back in Britain", declared Margaret Thatcher when an ill-led, bedraggled conscript army surrendered at Fort Stanley. The same resolute spirit, we are led to believe, can also restore the British economy.

All that is needed, the Good Housekeeper tells us, is for us to mend our ways and accept the tough medicine that is our (though she really means their) due. We must stop living off borrowed time, and we must say firmly "no" to the spendthrift, profligate plans in Labour's manifest, in her opinion "the most terrifying extreme manifesto to be produced in 50 years".

Ironically, as those of you who have read Labour's manifesto will know, it is inspired by Keynes rather

than Marx. Its aim is to make the mixed economy work rather than to replace it. And its strategy for doing this is one that has succeeded in maintaining near-full employment in Britain for 40 years. Where the same demand management has been practised successfully abroad, in Sweden, Norway and Austria, unemployment is still less than a quarter of what it is here and inflation is in single figures.

Labour's programme will get the economy moving by increasing public spending and investment in a way that goes mainly into industry and jobs. A national investment bank will provide long-term loans for industry, channelling profits from North Sea oil and the under-used resources of pension funds (by guaranteeing an attractive rate of return, not by coercion). Exchange rate controls will be restored to make available for domestic investment capital that is currently hoovering abroad at a rate of £10,000m a year.

And import quotas and tariffs will be introduced, if necessary, to prevent expansion from being halted by an unsustainable trade deficit. These will be introduced not as protectionist devices with which to beggar our neighbours but as a means of maintaining a growth of domestic demand which it is in the interests of our competitors to sustain.

Far from being profligate, Labour's plans entail an increase of public spending from £8,000m to £14,000m. This would increase national income to about 4½ per cent - the average level of industrial countries and lower than the level of the Thatcher government's first two years in office.

Allegations that Labour's plans would lead to runaway inflation are equally misplaced. They include measures to cut costs, such as the abolition of the national insurance surcharge and reduction of VAT; and the establishment of price controls to prevent major companies from exploiting an expanding market by excessively hiking up prices. Its national economic assessment machinery represents a sophisticated and sensible way of balancing social consent for the allocation of resources in all forms including, crucially, incomes. This is infinitely preferable to allocating the surplus generated by growth than the restraint induced by mass unemployment.

If Keynes were alive today to read Labour's moderate, Keynesian programme I have no doubt that he would vote for it with the same passionate conviction that he devoted to routing the "good housekeepers" of the past.

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ALL THEIR TOMORROWS

Before its late surge in the closing days of the campaign the Alliance election strategy had suffered from a number of drawbacks. First of all its starting position contrasted bleakly with the euphoric results of Crosby, Croydon and Bermondsey (even Hillhead was won on a declining trend). Secondly the Alliance phenomenon has always been something of a pollster's dream. It owes its existence to three or four aberrant by-elections while the great majority of Labour defectors in the Commons felt that it would be more prudent to sit tight and not put their change of allegiance to the test of their original electors. The latest polling, incidentally, suggests that a majority of their constituents think that they were wrong to do so.

Thirdly the SDP's origins, and the Liberal revival, derived their spectacular successes more from the apparent failure of the two parties - Thatcherism of the right, Stalinism of the left - than any flowering of a creative new blend of policy in the centre. As Professor Ralph Dahrendorf had earlier remarked rather unkindly of the policies of social democracy: "They promise a better yesterday". The Alliance programme is a worthy compilation of much that has been tried, half-tried or at least seriously considered over the last political generation. But the voters apparently have less idea of these policies than those of the two main parties.

There are more difficulties than that about the policies which the Alliance has put before the electorate. The manifesto is described as a programme for Government. It has not been tested much on the anvil of election argument, partly because the two large parties have been more concerned with each other until the polls suggested they should insure against third party risk. Yet the gap between the nuclear philosophies of the two parts of the Alliance is almost as wide as that between left and right in the Labour Party. Yesterday, for the first time, that showed.

A programme for government cannot afford to be so imprecise and unresolved on that most important and dangerous of all issues. But there are other areas of incoherence or contradiction. The Alliance's income policy is

untried, elaborate and a product of laboratory politics rather than the real rough and tumble world of public sector bargaining and the play of the private sector labour market. Council house sales are given with one hand and taken away with the other. Taxation policy, though creditable, is hardly a programme for any Government in the next parliament, given the unreasonableness of the Inland Revenue service for such major change. Above all, too there has been the difficulty of a dual leadership and the intra-party tension which that has created.

However, even if the manifesto has promised a programme for government with a prime minister designate to go with it, it is not fair to judge the Alliance campaign solely on its credibility as an alternative government, since that was never very likely. The movement of opinion polls now at least seems to show that it should be assessed on its merits as an alternative opposition. In that case, at last the Alliance has been brought face to face with its real opportunity. It was always dangerous to have its head turned by so much previous statistical volatility in the opinion polls - or even in by-election successes - into believing that the Alliance was ready to succeed the Conservatives as the next Government. Its only hope, historically, was to emerge from a bitter struggle with the Labour Party as the more viable governmental party of the left.

Today's position, moreover, has been brought about by two things which owe nothing to the behaviour of Alliance leaders, even in campaigning. The Alliance figure in the polls remained fairly static for the first two weeks until Labour's troubles broke and the Conservatives appeared to be impregnable. Only then, in the context of a likely Tory landslide and the humiliation of a dispirited Labour Party did the Alliance find its true purpose. That actually offers a much better long-term prospect of consolidation as the opposition grouping on the left than ever a hung parliament would. A hung parliament would presume a defeated but structurally undented Labour Party which would therefore retain much greater governability about it than a small Alliance component hold-

ing the balance between the two main parties.

The Alliance set out to break the mould of British politics. There were always two ways for that to happen. One was for the Alliance to benefit from a hung parliament by using its bargaining position to extract some variant of proportional voting as the price of support to any larger grouping hoping to form a government. That was always the lesser probability, not least because it would have led to permanent coalition politics in Britain. That is not a system which is likely to commend itself to a policy reared on and at home with the two party system, particularly when that system has shown this century that it can satisfactorily accommodate the replacement of one of those parties by a new one.

The other way was for the Alliance to profit from a Tory landslide, reducing the Labour Party to a shadow of its former self. That may in turn induce the Trade Union movement to reconsider the merits of maintaining its link with a historic, though now ineffective, parliamentary protegee. In that the Alliance starts with a built-in disadvantage. It is not just that the gang of four, and their co-defectors, have fought that battle once already within the Labour Party and lost it. Nor is it just that their Liberal allies do not give the impression of being a party which is really serious about government. There seems to be a general and unhealthy obsession with opinion polls rather than with the stuff of politics.

Beyond that, this new grouping in British politics has yet to establish a coalition of forces which represents something definite in British society. There is no obvious social base. There is no sense of great corporations in the wings. The Alliance leaders make a virtue of this freedom from such associations, but from the point of view of power it is a political weakness. A political sapling with such shallow roots will find it hard to withstand the wind of history when it blows, and in politics it often blows like a hurricane. In this campaign the Alliance has come far to discard the atmosphere of "a better yesterday". But it may have to face many more tomorrows on its way to power.

WAR OF WORDS OF WAR

It is exceedingly provoking for Labour candidates in this campaign that the apparently impregnable ascendancy of the Prime Minister should be traceable to a war of which many of them for one reason or another disapproved. The Conservatives have made an electrifying virtue of abstaining from what they had no need to do - thrust that chapter in the life of the government and nation in front of the electorate. The Falklands expedition is there, a large political fact, fresh in the memory, working like leaven in the Tory loaf. The only way, in fact, in which the Conservatives might have thrown away some of that advantage was by making an exhibition of it. Some of the party's candidates have been making more of it in their constituency campaigns than others, but no Conservative campaigner with access to a nation-wide public address system has sought to stir those anyway active memories.

The war itself was equally plainly out of bounds to the opposition parties. There might have been something to be made, though little has been made, of future policy towards

the islands and towards Argentina; but the campaign itself, as ground from which to assault the Government or the Prime Minister in particular, was as mine-swept as the environs of Stanley after liberation.

The Alliance has been scrupulously prudent. So was Labour until Mr Kinnock and Mr Healey blundered in. Mr Kinnock's first reference was to the sinking of the Belgrano. That was in reasonably measured terms and detonated no explosion. But as an election thrust it was worse than useless. There are sharp questions to be answered about that episode, but they are not the sort that get an answer on the hustings. As it was, his sally merely reminded people of the naval action in the South Atlantic, a general cause of pride; and as for the Belgrano: she was at sea, was she not, hostilities had opened, she was escorted, she was a potential threat to the seaborne expeditionary force... for most people, including most of those who vote Mr Kinnock might hope to attract, that is reason enough for the sinking, no matter about speculation that another course might have

averted a war that was briefly fought and brilliantly won.

Mr Healey's "she gloried in slaughter" and Mr Kinnock's "guts on the ground" are cries of exasperation of a different order, a wish to wound. Neither Mr Healey's half withdrawal nor Mr Kinnock's laboured explanation to the relatives of the dead that he meant no offence to them, exclusively to Mrs Thatcher, can efface the effect of their exuberance. And the effect is to contribute to the catalogue of self-inflicted injuries that have disabled the Labour Party for this election.

For most British people then and even more in retrospect, once the Falklands were seized by Argentina it was necessary to fight for their recovery; the expedition brought glory on the armed services and credit on the Government that mounted it; the whole episode, suffused by victory, reflected well on Britain in resolution and execution. That national experience as much as anything has put the Prime Minister beyond the reach of her political adversaries in this election, and it persists to smother those who would wound her on account of it.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE SHADOWS

Like the rest of Whitehall, the secret services have a general election drill. The Secret Intelligence Service, MI6, prepares analyses of world trouble spots ready to brief new ministers. The Director-General of the Security Service, MI5, dusts off his files on politicians whom the victorious party leader might wish to appoint to ministerial posts. A fast, discreet, unacknowledged system exists for warning the Prime Minister of any compromising material held by MI5 on MPs or peers which might affect their fitness for office.

The guardians of national security will remember the 1983 general election for another reason. For the first time since the secret services were founded in the Edwardian era they have become an issue between the parties. The Labour manifesto pledges a reform in the shape of a Security Act to regulate the clandestine agencies and a parliamentary select committee to monitor them. Behind the single paragraph on the security services in the party's programme lies an 80-page report published by Labour's National Executive

entitled *Freedom and the Security Services*.

The document is the object of some private scorn among the Whitehall intelligence community. They believe it is based on a blend of gossip, half-truth and misrepresentation; that it ignores the existing oversight system operated on behalf of the Prime Minister by the security and intelligence secretariat of the Cabinet Office; not to mention the effect such a reform would have on Britain's allies and the degree to which it would weaken defences against Soviet penetration.

Yet the intelligence community is not monolithic in its view of the practicability or desirability of change in the accountability of their secret world. The gatherers, the men of MI5, MI6 and the Government Communications Headquarters, rest their case on the traditional maxim that to remain effective and secure the secret services must remain just that, secret. They represent the party of no change under any circumstances. The middlemen, the intelligence assessors co-ordinators and

budget controllers, mainly located in the Cabinet Office, tend to err on the side of caution and, if pressed, would side with the gatherers. But the customers, senior officials in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Home Office, the Ministry of Defence, take a more reformist line.

They could live with an element of Parliamentary oversight, though not in the form proposed by Labour. They recommend a compromise - a select committee of Privy Counsellors modelled on the Franks team which investigated the origins of the Falklands War. Would it not be prudent for a Conservative administration devoted to the maintenance of national security, preferably on the foundation of bipartisanship between the parties, to construct a system of scrutiny which would command the support of all but a few on the hard left? Conservative rule, unlike the need for security and intelligence, will not be perpetual. The issue is too serious to be left at the mercy of faction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Last-minute reflections on general election issues

From Mr Martin Hassack

Sir, What would our reaction be here in Britain if, prior to an address at a rally in Moscow by Mr Andropov, attended by 25,000 "foot-stamping, flag-waving, horn blowing" (report, June 6) young communists, one of the entertainers remarked: "Let's bomb Britain" and this display was shown nationally on the Soviet Union television network?

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN HASSECK,
104 Holders Hill Road, NW4,
June 6.

From Mr A. R. Isserlis

Sir, To Baroness Sharp's affectionate admirers there was delicious irony in her letter on June 3. She first rebuked Mrs Thatcher for an alleged tendency to be dictatorial. And then in effect she commended as non-dictatorial an Alliance led by Mrs Williams who sought to force all schools into one mould irrespective of official advice or local or parental wishes; Dr Owen (who was a petulant hectorer both in the NHS and in the Foreign Office); Mr Jenkins (a successful proponent of state dictatorship on racial grounds over the freedom of employers to hire or not hire whom they choose); and Mr Steele (an as yet unsuccessful proponent of state dictatorship over the freedom of employers to pay their workforce what the market justifies).

In fact, if these particular power-seekers are any guide, an Alliance or Alliance-influenced government would be just as dictatorial as a Labour one - though perhaps initially, like the Mensheviks, in a more genteelly futile way. Conservatives by contrast seek to reduce the areas that any government has power to be dictatorial about.

Our first woman Prime Minister does indeed have a reputation for being firm and sometimes abrasive. So did our first woman permanent secretary. But would that have been held against them if they had been men?

Yours faithfully,
A. R. ISSERLIS,
Rose and Crown Cottage,
Upton,
Burford,
Oxfordshire,
June 6.

From Mr C. L. Fox

Sir, Lady Sharp (June 3) is mistaken. The parliamentary democracy we have had since the last war is not the sort of government that we, or our ancestors, fought for. We have had in those years a succession of politicians who have been far too ready to let power pass to those without responsibility, namely the civil servants and the Civil Service. (I do not expect Lady Sharp to agree as regards the latter.) Such manoeuvres, to one of my age, are reminiscent of those who brought France to her knees in 1940.

We now have a prime minister who has the ability, the courage, and the drive to attempt to change all that: one moreover who has the habit, rare in post-1945 Westminster, of placing her country before her party or herself. It would seem that the electorate - or a goodly part of it - has at last realized her quality.

Yours sincerely,
C. L. FOX,
Heatherbrow,
The Rectory,
Finschamstead,
Berkshire.

Housing needs

From the General Secretary of the Labour Party

Sir, Your leader, "House-proud politics" (May 30), fails to understand Labour's housing policies.

We believe in catering for the needs of those who want or need to rent and those who want to own. Promotion of one tenure at the expense of another, as is being done through compulsory sales, doubling rents and large discounts, is irresponsible. It is not only the badly housed, the homeless and young couples who suffer, but those who buy who cannot really afford the repayments or the cost of repairs.

Our housing policies seek to break down the rigid and socially disfiguring divide between tenures. The public rented and owner-occupied sectors should co-exist on a basis of equal social esteem. Equal treatment will make it much easier for households to move between tenures as their needs and preferences change.

A key element to achieving equality of esteem is to provide the right quantity and quality of housing. Our proposals to boost housebuilding will help begin to overcome the shortage and deteriorating quality of the stock to which your report on Shelter's fears draws attention.

Military degrees

From Professor Alan James

Sir, It would be unfortunate if your report (June 3) of the Duke of Edinburgh's speech calling for degrees in military science gave the impression that the subject is impressionable in Britain's universities and polytechnics. Degrees in international relations and war studies at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels are now offered by a number of institutions and most of the topics mentioned by the Duke as appropriate for a military degree are already taught.

Moreover, those taking such courses often include serving officers. Experience at my own university, Keele, suggests that they not only enjoy the academic study of the international and military scenes but go back to the Services feeling much better fitted for their jobs.

However, it is certainly the case that much more could be done in this area and it would seem wise to build on the strengths which already exist in our educational system. Some kind of formal recognition

From Professor Peter Self

Sir, Thinking about this election, the analogy with the 1930s is all too close. The dominant paradigm, to which Mrs Thatcher fully subscribes, is one of sacrificing everything else in the cause of more effective international economic and military competition. Since most other governments are doing the same (although not always so ruthlessly) the likely result under present world conditions will be the mutual export of unemployment and economic disruption, followed by war, which may or may not be terminal.

If and when the dust clears we shall discover the values now neglected; the new importance of environmental conservation, the desirability of controlling technology for the sake of more stability and humanism, the value of local community life and local democracy, the imperative of being generous to the unfortunate, and that other imperative of taking risks for the cause of peace, not the chimera of superior destructive power.

Among the Thatcherites there seems only an unimaginative contempt for these values. On the left there is still too little realization of the policies and sacrifices which these values will entail, yet at least there is some glimpse of the way to a saner future.

Yours etc,

PETER SELF,
Research School of Social Sciences,
The Australian National University,
Box 4, PO Canberra, ACT,
Australia, 2600,
June 1.

From Mr Peter J. Lord Smith

Sir, It is surely significant that on Sunday 13,000-20,000 attended the People's March for Jobs, whilst nearly 20 times that number went to Standed Airport to see the space shuttle, Enterprise.

Yours truly,

PETER J. LORD SMITH,
7 Finchcroft Lane,
Prestbury,
Cheltenham Spa,
Gloucestershire,
June 6.

From Mr George Scates

Sir, Mr Foot, Mr Healey and others rightly claim that a Labour government put 3½ million back to work during its term of office immediately after World War Two. They add: "We did it once - we can do it again."

Charitable functions

From the Chairman of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations

Sir, May I return to the matter I raised with you in my letter of April 15? This is the vexed question of "political activity" by charities.

I argued then that charitable voluntary organisations should be acknowledged to have a right to contribute to debates on public policy and administration, but not to seek to influence the electoral process in favour of, or against, any person or party.

We are now hearing the end of an election campaign. This national council has been heartened by the recognition accorded to the voluntary sector by the Conservative and Labour parties and by the Alliance in their manifestos. What is less clear, however, is their attitudes

toward voluntary bodies as contributors to the formation of policies and programmes.

Our free society needs fresh ideas and original perspectives from as many different independent sources as possible; and voluntary bodies are specially well placed to contribute from their own experience in their particular fields. They have nothing to say about parties and elections. They have much to offer on problems and policies.

It is to be hoped, therefore, that whatever the political complexion of the next government, it will not merely recognise this particular role, but will also encourage it.

Yours etc,
PETER JAY, Chairman,
National Council for Voluntary Organisations,
26 Bedford Square, WCI.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE WARR,
2 Paper Buildings,
Temple, EC4,
June 4.

From Mr Patrick Allen

Sir, In her discussion with "Mr Day" on *Panorama* recently, Mrs Thatcher appeared to be saying we do not need "dual key" for cruise because we can trust the Americans and we do not need Polaris because we can't trust someone in Central Office can sort this out.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK ALLEN,
42 Hawthorn Way,
Cambridge.

From the Reverend John Ticehurst

Sir, The North Devon District Council has just published an advertisement telling the residents of Lifton that the Rev. John Ticehurst and Wollcombe (a total population in the winter of some 14,000, more than doubled in the holiday months) that the local nuclear air-raid shelter has been finished, in compliance with the 1979 Civil Defence Act.

Fewer than one in 100 of the permanent population will be able to get in, for it holds just 130 people. Those to be saved must write and say why they should be by June 10, which doesn't leave a lot of time for self-justification. Nor does it help those who may move to the area in the next 50 years or so.

I should like to think that the list of 130 will be published, together with the criteria used, when the list has been drawn up. Certainly it makes Abraham's intervention with the Almighty about Sodom (Genesis 18) seem straightforward.

I assume that those chosen will be any who can demonstrate that they can run a four-mile mile. Sadly, though, the distance from Wollcombe to Lifton is some 17 miles along narrow climbing roads. How are the new chosen people to make it to the ark?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TICEHURST,
The Rectory,
Lifton, Devon,
Weston-super-Mare,
Avon.

From Mr William Golding

Sir, Why all this argument on what to take for holiday reading ("Saturday" May 28)? The whole question is settled for us by *The Bride's Handbook*.

Something old and something new,
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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index 710.3 up 6.9
FT 100s 82.56 down 0.21
Bargains 13.071
TSE Nikkei Dow Jones
Index 8475.30 down 30.82
Hongkong Hang Seng index
881.67 down 21.22
New York Dow Jones Industrial
Average (latest) 1212.84
down 0.80

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling \$1.5720 down 50pts
Index 86.8 down 0.2
DM 4.0375 down 0.0125
FF 12.1225 up 0.0825
Yen 376.75 down 2.75
Dollar
Index 125.5 up 0.1
DM 2.5860 down 15pts
Gold
\$400.75 down \$8.25
NEW YORK LATEST
Gold \$400.25
Sterling \$1.5725

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Base rates
3 month interbank 10 1/4 = 10 1/4
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 9 1/4 = 9 1/4
3 month DM 5 1/4 = 5 1/4
3 month FF 14 1/4 = 14 1/4
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling
Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for
interest period May 4 to June
7, 1983 inclusive: 10.334 per
cent.

PRICE CHANGES

Helical Bar 33p+7p
H. Ingram 60p+12p
N. Simon £19.50+£3.75
Polly Pock £17.50+£2.50
Ld & N.thern 91p+13p
Cornell 125p+15p
Lake & Elliot 19-4p
Atlantic Res. 47p-8p
Wickling P. 38p-4p
Leslie 235p-20p
Whitlock M. 26p-2p
Milford Dks 68p-8p

TODAY

Interims: Westlands.
Finales: N. Brown Invest.
Bulmer and Lumb, Gt. Portland
Estates, Hill Samuels, LCP
Hdgs, Lytons Hdgs, Pegler-
Hattersley, TR North America
Invest, Henry Wigfall.

NOTEBOOK

● Reed International staged
a better than expected recovery
in the final quarter of its last
financial year, but for the year
as a whole a big fall in
overseas operating profits led
to a 15 per cent fall in pre-tax
profit. The present year has got
off to a healthy start.
● Grindlays Bank, owned
jointly by Citibank and Grind-
lays Holdings, is again the
subject of takeover talk.
● Skitchley, the dry-cleaning
group, looks to have good
prospects for the present year
having closed down the textile
division which lost £770,000 in
the last financial year.

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BTR increases stake in Tilling

BTR bought a further 2.5
million shares in Tilling yester-
day at a price of 225p ex
dividend. Added to an extra
500,000 shares which it
acquired late in after hours
trading on Monday this takes
the BTR stake up to 28.5 per
cent.

It is expected to be back in
the market this morning, and is
prepared to buy up to the
maximum 30 per cent allowed
under the takeover code.

The number of acceptances
received by the registrar is
believed to have been high
yesterday, although there is no
indication of the number of
shares these accounted for. The
issue will be decided today, the
closing date for the bid, when
the leading institutional share-
holders come off the fence.

● JOBS ISSUE: Half of
Britain's unemployment is due
to the world slump. That makes
the policies decided at Wilms-
burg as crucial as the election.
Graham Seargent asks if they
will work. Page 22

● \$300m LOAN: Oman has
raised a \$300m syndicated loan
arranged by Gulf International
Bank. The loan is for seven
years at 1.5 per cent over the
London Interbank Offered Rate
for two years and 1/2 per cent
over Libor for the duration.

● NEW CHAIRMAN: Mr
John Milne will be the new
chairman of Blue Circle Indus-
tries. He will combine the post
with his position of group
managing director. He succeeds
Sir Rowland Wright.

WALL STREET

Shares fail to recover

New York (AP-Dow Jones)
- Stocks were mixed after
failing to recover from their
early declines yesterday and
trading was moderate.

The Dow Jones Industrial
average was down 2 1/2 points
after cutting its initial drop of
nearly 4 points. The transpor-
tation index was pushed to a
gain of almost 6 points.
Declining issues were ahead of
advances.

Mr Harry Laubscher, market
analyst for Fane Webster, said
that it was a mixed market with
the industrials down while the
transporters were up.

Mr Laubscher was urging a
lightening-up during periods of
strength. "We see a possible
move to the 1,150 to 1,120 area
- of the Dow Jones Industrial
average - over the next month
or two but the basic trend is
undisturbed. There are signs
that distribution and profit-taking
is increasing while buying
demand is increasing for the
cyclical and the blue chip
stocks are coming under pressure."

American Telephone & Tele-
graph trading at 4 1/4 up 1/4;
International Business
Machines 116, up 1/2; General
Motors 70 1/2 up 1/2; Bethlehem
Steel 24 1/2 unchanged; General
Electric 36, up 1/4; Dupont 48 1/2
unchanged; Newmont Mining
566, off 1/2; Union Pacific 55 1/2
off 1/4; Exxon 33 1/2 off 1/4;
Southern Pacific 9 1/2 off 1/4;
Chicago North Western 90 1/4
off 1/4.

Telephone was up 4 1/4 to 159 1/2;
Texas Instruments up 1 at 169;
Coleco up 4 1/4 to 64 1/2; E-Systems
up 2 1/2 to 41 1/2; Shell Oil off 1 at
41; Eschscholtz Electric off 1/4 at
30.

DoT moves on mystery investors

By Philip Robinson

The Department of Trade
yesterday launched an official
investigation to unmask the
mystery shareholders behind
Westminster Property Group.

The London-based invest-
ment and property develop-
ment group has been the subject
of an unsuccessful takeover bid
from Mr Jim Raper and his St
Piran mining group, which
owns 29 per cent.

Mr Raper has in the past
drawn criticism from the
Department of Trade and
Takeover Panel. About two
years ago, the Stock Exchange
suspended the shares of St Piran
and two of its quoted sub-
sidiaries to block a takeover bid
by Mr Raper's Gasco Holdings.

Westminster asked the de-
partment to investigate after its
own attempts to flush out
beneficial owners of share
stakes came to nothing.

Last month the company
passed details of a mysterious
spate of share buying to the
Takeover Panel. A fortnight ago
a 300-page report went to the
Department of Trade from
Clifford Turner, the company's
solicitors.

But Mr Patrick Ravenhill, the
Westminster chairman, was
reluctant to discuss details last
night. "I don't want to discuss
who owns the shares that worry
us. It's a long list."

At the group's annual meet-
ing last month Mr Ravenhill
expressed concern at recent
share buying, feeling it might be
linked with existing share-
holders and could constitute a
"concert party".

Hawley buys more of Miss World

By Our Financial Staff

Mr Michael Ashcroft of
Hawley Group, has again been
busy on the stock market
buying shares in the Miss World
beauty contest business and
selling those his Group owns in
Camrex.

The deals have fuelled specu-
lation that Hawley is about to
make a big acquisition.

Hawley yesterday bought
another 5 per cent package of
shares in the Miss World
business run by Mr Eric Morley
and his wife. The purchases,
which were made through
Hawley's own brokers, Capel
Cure Myers, and the brokers to
Miss World, Schaverien, take

Government claims that a
sturdy recovery is under way
and inflation well under control
received some pre-election en-
couragement yesterday from
official figures. These showed
consumer spending in the shops
at record levels in April, a
further drop in the cost of
industry's fuel and raw materi-
als last month and only a
modest increase in the prices
charged for goods leaving
Britain's factories.

In addition, City fears that a
re-elected Conservative Govern-
ment would raise interest rates
to curb excessive monetary
growth were calmed when the
Bank of England announced
that the most closely-watched
money measure, sterling M3,
grew by an estimated 1/2 per cent
in the month to mid-May, less
than half the extraordinary
April surge of 1.9 per cent.

But Britain's balance of
payments surplus on current
account fell to £445m in the
first quarter this year from
£1,790m in the final quarter of

1982, despite a better per-
formance on invisible trade
than earlier estimates had
suggested.

Capital outflows almost
doubled to £2,400m from
£1,300m, according to the
Central Statistical Office, while
overseas investment in stocks
and shares totalled £1,600m,
continuing the rise of financial
assets abroad sparked off by the
abolition of exchange controls
four years ago.

Buoyant consumer demand

The pound lost 50 points
against the dollar yesterday to
close in quiet trading at \$1.5720.
Traders said that some holders
who had bought sterling on
Monday sold yesterday at a
profit, thereby exerting some
downward pressure on the
currency.

Gold, however, was very
nervous, and fell \$6.25 to
\$400.25 an ounce in London.
But neither the impending

Industry costs fall: interest rate fears subside

Record consumer spending backs Government's recovery claims

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

has been the driving force
behind the tentative economic
upswing this year, boosted by
easier credit terms, lower
mortgage rates and rising living
standards for those in work, as
pay has outstripped price rises.

Business in the shops in April
jumped by nearly 1 per cent to
the highest level on record, well
above provisional estimates,
with the index of retail sales at
112.9 (1978 = 100), more than 6
per cent up on a year earlier.

In the first four months of

this year the volume of trade
was 3 per cent higher than the
average for 1982, compared
with Treasury forecasts for a 2 1/2
per cent rise in consumer
spending overall.

The claim by ministers that
inflation, now at 4 per cent, will
rise only modestly in the
months ahead to stay below 6
per cent is supported by the
latest wholesale figures. The
prices charged by manufactur-
ing industry for goods at the
factory gate rose by 0.6 per cent

in May, leaving the annual rate
of increase unchanged from
April at 7.3 per cent.

More than a third of the May
increase was due to higher
prices for food and petrol.

But industry's input cost fell
0.5 per cent in May after a 1.5
per cent drop in April as the
stronger pound brought down
the cost of oil in sterling terms,
more than offsetting higher
prices for food commodities.

Over the year to May, costs
rose by 6.4 per cent, marking a
significant slowdown from
earlier in the year.

The news that money growth
moderated in the May banking
month also increases the
chances that interest rates may
fall after the election, taking the
pressure off the building
societies to put their mortgage
rates up.

This is helpful for inflation,
because mortgage costs are
included in the retail prices
index, and for economic recovery,
because it keeps cash in
people's pockets.

Sterling slips on profit-taking

election nor the trade, money
supply and whole sale price
figures had much effect, traders
said. Most holders of sterling
expect a Conservative victory
and have already adjusted their
positions accordingly.

As a result the trade weighted
index, which measures the
pound against the currencies of
Britain's main trading partners,
slipped by only 0.2 to 86.8.
But the greater fall in gold

was the result of speculators
losing confidence in the market
as the uncertainty about the
course of American interest
rates persisted. Potential buyers
were not encouraged by specu-
lation that Portugal and the
International Monetary Fund
might sell gold reserves.

The market is torn between
fears of inflation on the one
hand and deflation on the other.

Lloyd's admits 40 years' irregularities

By John Lawless

Lloyd's of London acknowl-
edged yesterday that conflicts of
interest stretching back 40 years
had been identified by the first
enquiry under its new disclo-
sure drive - but denied that its
failure to take disciplinary
action heralded an easy time for
members who own up to
irregularities.

Mr Ian Hay Davison - who
arrived on February 14 as
deputy chairman and chief
executive, with a formidable
image and a brief to clean up
Lloyd's much-tarnished image -
revealed that "between 10 and
20" other cases were now being
investigated.

His first report disclosed
salaries to certain directors of
Edward Williams Coutts &
Partners and their wives had
not been paid as a management
fee for its handling of Syndicate
23.

Instead, they were paid by
associate companies - as were
loans to EWC directors at less
than commercial rates, mort-
gages to 20 staff at 4 per cent,
and the provision of an
underwriting deposit for a
director.

The 600 principals of the
syndicate had not been told,
even though this arrangement
had persisted "inadvertently",
Mr Hay Davison said for 40
years. Future cases and possible
disciplinary action, he stressed,
would be judged on individual
circumstances.

Mr Donald Robertson, EWC
chairman, yesterday told *The
Times* that he was "extremely
satisfied" with the Council's
final judgment, but its seven-



Hay Davison: Other cases under investigation

point statement did not give a
fair picture. He was drafting a
letter, to be posted on Friday to
syndicate members, giving
EWC's view of the case.

Nicholas Reinsurances, he
added, had been set up to
broaden the syndicate's base by
providing additional capacity to
underwrite part of its activities.
No money had been paid
because it "has to run off its
liabilities".

The mortgages, he said, had
never exceeded £25,000. Ar-
rangements had been made for
these to be taken over by EWC's
bank, with salary rises being
given to staff to allow for the
increase in interest rates.

Salaries to three directors had
been £1,500 per annum, while
wives had received £5,000 a
year in total. Loans had been
"very short term and were fully
repaid", although one had taken
the form of bridging loan on a
mortgage and had been interest-
free.

Hi-fi firms fined £2m

By Patricia Clough

Fines totalling about £2m -
the biggest inflicted for restric-
tive practices in the European
Community - were applied by
the European Court of Justice
yesterday against the Japanese
Pioneer company and three
distributors for conspiring to
protect the higher prices of its
hi-fi equipment in France.

The decision is expected to
act as a sharp deterrent to
companies who seek to prevent
their products being imported

from EEC countries where they
are cheaper to countries where
their exclusive dealers keep
prices higher.

Pioneer Electronics of An-
twerp, the company's European
subsidiary, and three distribu-
tors, Shiro of London (which
subsequently became Pioneer
High Fidelity), C Melchers and
Co of Bremen and S A Musique
Diffusion Francaise of Vevey in
France had appealed to the
court against the fines.

£6m jump for Mirror Group

By Sandy McLachlan

Mirror Group Newspapers,
which publishes seven national
newspapers including the *Daily*
and *Sunday Mirror*, the *Sunday*
People and the *Scottish Daily*
Record, almost quadrupled its
profit in the last financial year.
Trading profit rose to £8.1m in
the year to April 4 compared
with £2.1m the previous year.
Sales were up from £254m to
£263m.

The Mirror Group is a
subsidiary of Reed Inter-
national, and yesterday Mr
Kenneth Morton, Reed's
finance director, attributed the
improvement to tight cost
control.

"The price of newsprint has
been restrained a bit," he
added, "and the fact that we
now buy newsprint in sterling
terms rather than in dollar
terms obviously helped".

The group was also helped by
a 1p increase in the cover price
of the *Daily Mirror* roughly a
third of the way through its
financial year. The increase - to
16p - represents a rise of 6 1/2
per cent.

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P & O repels latest Trafalgar attack

By John Clare

Trafalgar House yesterday tried
to take its shareholding in
Peninsular and Oriental Steam
Navigation up to 14.9 per cent
by snapping up shares on the
stock market but its foray was
defeated by friendly support for
P & O.

Trafalgar bid 207 - the price
of its bid which values P & O at
about £290m - for 13.7 shares
but the price quickly lifted to
209p on buying elsewhere.
Trafalgar ended the day with no
increase in its shareholding in P
& O although it did pick up
500,000 shares on Monday.

"Assuming we could go all
the way to the 15 per cent
holding limit we would spend

£29m to £30m and avoid issuing
that much stock. As we have
such a generous offer in
Trafalgar paper we would like to
buy all we can get for cash,"
said Mr Nigel Brookes, Trafalgar's
chairman. The General
Council of British Shipping has
decided not to make representa-
tions to the Office of Fair
Trading about the bid. P & O
had asked it to intervene but it
is believed that it did not wish
to side with one of its members
and against another.

P & O's chairman is expected to
launch his formal defence at
tomorrow's annual meeting
with a defence document
following soon after.

Late bid for FMC stake

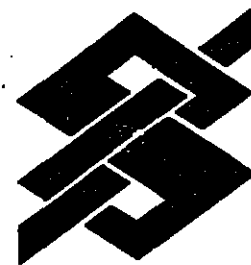
By Michael Clarke

A last-minute bid from a
private company has delayed
the proposed offer for sale of the
National Farmers' Union's 75
per cent stake in FMC, the meat
processing group.

Mr Richard Butler, president
of the National Farmers'
Union, said the delay followed a
cash offer, made last week, for

the union's stake. Both the
NFU and FMC have denied
suggestions that the bid has
been made by Hillside
Holdings.

As a result the proposed offer
for sale of more than 10 million
shares in FMC has been delayed
for a month as the three parties
sit down to thrash out terms.



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CONDENSED COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CONDITION
IN MILLIONS OF U.S. DOLLARS

	31.12.78	31.12.79	31.12.80	31.12.81	31.12.82
Assets					
Cash and due from banks	2,767.7	1,667.0	2,699.0	1,860.2	2,284.5
Loans	42,498.8	42,837.4	47,561.2	58,259.1	55,179.2
Securities	1,010.0	664.4	618.0	611.4	831.0
Bank premises and equipment	815.0	694.2	776.7	888.8	1,027.8
Other assets	1,865.3	3,383.0	848.0	3,785.0	2,625.9
TOTAL ASSETS	49,057.8	49,246.0	52,502.9	65,404.5	62,048.4
Liabilities					
Capital and reserves	4,057.5	3,269.6	3,597.7	4,323.0	4,855.5
Deposits	22,729.2	16,074.9	26,096.0	23,840.7	24,104.4
Demand	8,058.9	6,772.7	8,212.0	6,252.3	6,168.0
Time	14,669.3	9,302.2	17,884.0	17,588.4	17,935.4
Funds borrowed	8,654.2	15,644.3	17,043.6	21,230.7	18,594.5
Funds for refinancing	11,804.3	10,979.9	2,524.4	11,520.5	10,829.0
Other liabilities	1,812.6	3,277.3	3,241.2	4,489.6	3,865.0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	49,057.8	49,246.0	52,502.9	65,404.5	62,048.4

The figures shown above are the conversion of Cruzeiros into U.S. dollars at the rate prevailing on the respective balance sheet dates.

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE		LONDON COMMODITY PRICES		LONDON METAL EXCHANGE	
Copper	1072-1073	1-1000 tonnes	1072-1073	Gold	1072-1073
Lead	1089.5-1090	1-1000 tonnes	1089.5-1090	Silver	1089.5-1090
Aluminium	1089.5-1090	1-1000 tonnes	1089.5-1090	Platinum	1089.5-1090
1-1000 tonnes	1089.5-1090	1-1000 tonnes	1089.5-1090	1-1000 tonnes	1089.5-1090
1-1000 tonnes	1089.5-1090	1-1000 tonnes	1089.5-1090	1-1000 tonnes	1089.5-1090

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK edited by Sandy McLachlan

Reed's £21m exceeds City hopes

Reed International year to 3.4.83
 Pretax profit £20.9m (£71.8m)
 Stated earnings 33.5p (47.3p)
 Turnover £1,809m (£1,898m)
 Net final dividend 10p making 14p (same)
 Share price 298p (up 6p) Yield 4.7 per cent
 Dividend payable 16/8/83

Final quarter figures from Reed International were ahead of market expectations at £20.9m for three months to April 4 against £15.9m for the comparable period last year. After an initial 12p rise the shares finished the day 6p better at 298p, and the last quarter improvement has helped to make up for the disappointing first half.

It brings pre-tax profits for the year to £60.9m against £71.6m (although the group is quick to point out that, on current cost basis, operating profit for the year is up by £22m as a result of lower inflation in Britain).

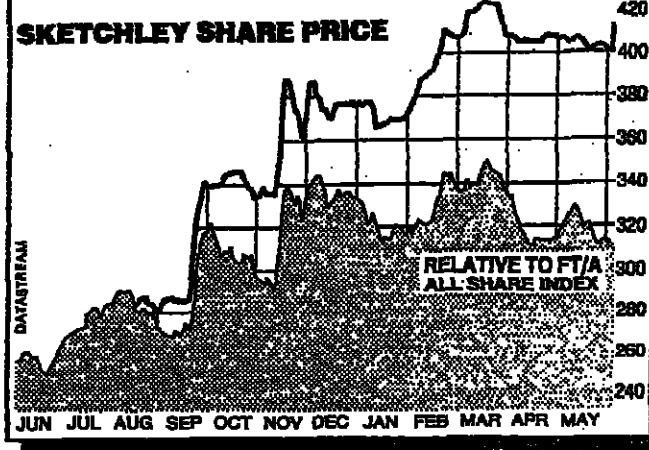
More important for the future, however, is the clear-out that Reed has achieved in the past year. Above the line it has taken in exceptional items of £14.6m, £9m of which occurred in the final quarter, including the one-off £4m closure costs of the Tivoli mill.

Below the line, as previously indicated, Reed has written off the whole of the £18.7m loss on the sale of Odhams to British Printing and Communications Corporation. After the maintained dividend, this leaves retained earnings sharply down at £4.3m against £37.6m the previous year, but again it is another non-recurring problem out of the way.

For the first time, Reed has broken its trading profit into 10 separate divisions, plus an item for central costs. This shows remarkably good results from Mirror Group Newspapers, where profits were up by a factor of almost four. It also highlights the problem areas of decorative products, where there was a trading loss of £10m.

The group is satisfied with the final quarter improvement last year and has had a healthy start to the current year. With uncertainties over both currency movements and newspaper prices, it is not committing itself about prospects, although it is pleased that the North American Wallcovering problems have been solved.

The shares look a much better bet than some other companies offering a yield of 4.7 per cent.



Sketchley
 Year to 1.4.83
 Pretax profit £9.1m (£7.3m)
 Stated earnings 24.1p (22.1p)
 Turnover £23.7m (£29.1m)
 Net total dividend 12p (10.9p)
 Share price 412p, up 12p Yield 4.2%
 Dividend payable 21.7.83

The closure of the textile division which lost £770,000 last year has removed a big millstone from around Sketchley's neck. The balance of the business, which includes its two US acquisitions, looks as though it is firing on all cylinders at last.

Last year the industrial division lost business for the second year running as factories in the hard pressed industrial regions contracted or closed. But the attrition has slowed down in the past few weeks while the "Down Your Way" industrial garment business operated from vans on small industrial estates is holding its own.

More important, the contract with Ford has been renegotiated and Sketchley is confident that negotiations with the National Coal Board, its biggest industrial customer, will also be successful.

The last three-year contract with the NCB was worth £5m a year - about a sixth of the industrial division's turnover. With few miners and the NCB's preference to spread its buying, the new contract will probably be smaller - but still substantial. Despite the difficulties, the industrial division managed a small increase in profits to £5.3m on marginally lower turnover.

Profits in the cleaning division - which includes the high street shops - were well ahead at £3.4m against £2.6m.

Grindlays

There must be many outside shareholders in Grindlays who would be only too happy to see the bank's shareholding sorted out. Grindlays, which evolved in the days of the British Empire, serving the needs of trade in an out of the old colonial territories, has turned in a painfully lacklustre performance in recent years. Earnings per share halved between 1979 and last year.

Last year also Grindlays raised nearly £90m from selling its Hongkong subsidiary and its stake in National Bank of Dubai but it is far from clear where Grindlays is heading, and being sandwiched between Citibank and Lloyds Bank cannot make strategic decision-making easy.

Citibank owns 49 per cent of Grindlays Bank. The rest is held by the publicly quoted Grindlays Holdings in which Lloyds Bank has 41 per cent and the Bahrain and Middle East Bank 11 per cent.

Citibank has long been rumoured as a seller and this week's jump in the Grindlays share price was based on hopes that a deal was close which could lead to a full takeover bid.

Whether anything will materialize remains to be seen, and seasoned Grindlays watchers must be telling themselves that they have heard all this before.

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142	120	Asa Brit Ind Ord	135	-	6.4	4.7	7.9
158	117	Asa Brit Ind CUS	152	-	10.0	6.6	-
74	57	Airprimg Group	65	-	6.1	9.4	18.6
46	26	Armstrong & Rhodes	26	-	4.3	16.5	2.9
353	197	Bardon Hill	353	+1	11.4	3.3	14.8
150	100	CCL 11.0% Conv Pref	150	-	15.7	10.4	-
270	210	Cladco Group	212	-	17.6	8.3	-
86	46	Deborah Services	45	-	6.0	13.3	8.0
97	77	Frank Harsell	96	-	8.0	10.0	8.8
96	75	Frank Harsell Pr Ord	87	94	-	8.7	9.2
83	61	Frederick Parker	62	-	7.1	11.5	3.9
55	34	George Blair	34	-	-	-	5.9
100	74	Ind Prec Castings	76	-	7.3	9.6	9.7
181	100	Isis Conv Pref	181	-	15.7	8.7	-
165	94	Jackson Group	165	-	9.0	6.6	4.3
230	111	James Burrough	230	-	9.6	4.2	16.8
260	148	Robert Jenkins	154	+1	20.0	12.3	1.7
83	54	Scrutons "A"	67	-	5.7	8.5	8.7
167	110	Torday & Carlisle	112	-	11.4	10.1	5.0
29	21	Unilock Holdings	26	-	0.46	1.8	-
85	64	Walter Alexander	69	+1	6.4	9.3	4.9
270	214	W. S. Yates	264	-	17.1	6.5	4.1

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AN IMPRESSIVE GROWTH RATE

Five years ago the Group made a pre-tax profit of £51.9 million - last year the profit was £90 million and in the previous year - 1981 - over £100 million. In the world economy, and particularly in the construction sector, this five year period has been one of great difficulty - against this background your Group achieved a compound growth rate of 15 per cent a year.

During this same period the Group has brought into production in its subsidiary and associate companies overseas, no less than ten new cement plants with the capacity to produce nearly eight million tonnes a year.

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The plants are dry process units, the management is of high calibre and last but not least, we believe the price was about right!

We have also been active in other sectors of the USA. Last year our subsidiary Armitage Shanks acquired a ceramic sanitaryware manufacturer Kilgore Ceramic Corporation in Texas, which has already exceeded expectations and is clearly destined to be an increasingly important contributor to the success of the Armitage Shanks Group of companies.

1983 - AND WHAT IT HOLDS

Overseas, most economies are in recession and 1983 is not going to be a year of growth for us. The problems of Mexico and Chile will take time to resolve. However, the substantial investment by all our cement manufacturing subsidiaries and associates in modern, efficient dry process plants will enable us to reap full benefit from these works as the world economy pulls out of recession.

In the UK, cement sales to date are only modestly above those of the same period last year, with the exceptionally wet weather holding back construction activity. Housing starts are up significantly but recovery in the industrial and commercial sectors is less in evidence.

For the year as a whole we expect to see some further increases in UK cement consumption, but the main contribution to maintaining margins will come from improvements in efficiency.

Inflation is continuing to fall and interest rates have come down so conditions are undoubtedly becoming more favourable for the construction industry.

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For the year ended 30th April 1983

- * The Company has had a successful year
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- * Dividend 38% from 34%
- * Looking for further expansion in London and internationally

Financial Highlights

	1983	1982
Issued Capital - Preference	£000	£000
- Ordinary	2,085	2,085
Reserve	6,888	6,874
Profit & Loss Balance	5,500	5,468
	4,766	2,448
	19,239	16,875
Total Assets	1,134,745	660,990
Profit	4,250	2,072
Dividends	1,932	1,593

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OUR STRATEGY - EXPANSION OVERSEAS AND DIVERSIFICATION

These moves were in pursuance of a strategy, firstly of expanding overseas, where we foresaw greater growth in demand for our product, and secondly of selective diversification into products new to us. This wide geographical spread has stood us in good stead through the recession and remains one of our principal strengths.

In 1982, Mexico and Chile, which had achieved exceptional growth in the previous year, faltered - profits from the Americas fell by £37 million from the previous year. The fact that our Group profits overall fell by no more than £14 million reflects encouraging performance elsewhere. Malaysia and Nigeria did particularly well, as did Australia.

A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN UK PROFITS

I am particularly pleased to report a substantial improvement in profits from our UK

Points from the address by the Chairman Sir Rowland Wright, CBE, to the Annual General Meeting on June 7

dry process and similar conversions of two kilns at Northfleet will be completed soon. A dry process kiln is to be built at Caudon Works to replace existing facilities and up-dating of Dunbar Works is projected.

ABERTHAW CEMENT - A WELCOME ADDITION

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We have already established a good working relationship with Abertthaw and I welcome them to the Blue Circle fold.

THE USA - A NEW MARKET

Some two weeks ago we completed the acquisition of three cement plants and a lime plant in the United States.

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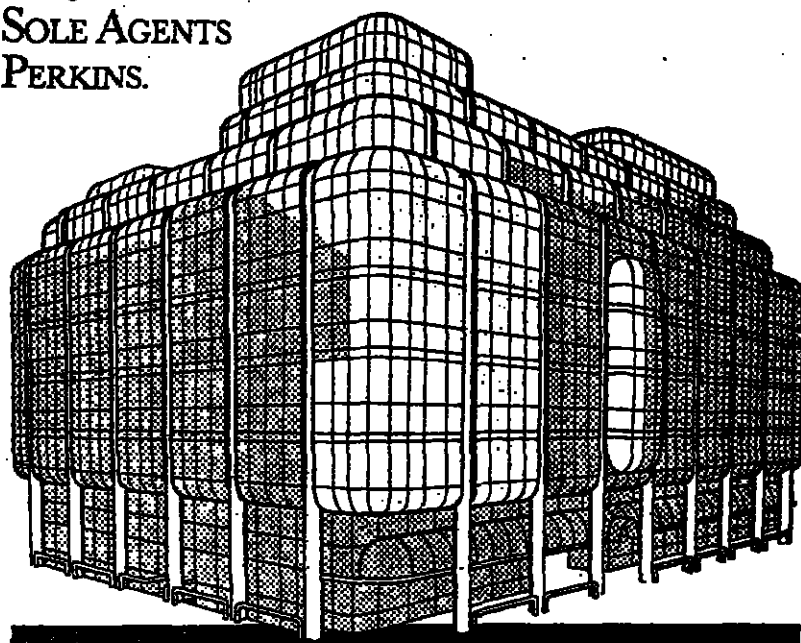
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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Charter bid on the cards

ACCOUNTANT'S Dealings begin, June 8. Dealings end, June 17. Contango Day, June 23. Settlement Day, June 27.

and brokers are entitled to have their own views on companies.

At last night's level, the group was valued at £305m. Elsewhere, share prices remained confident of a Conservative landslide victory in the General Election.

Shares of tobacco group Rothmans International "B" surged 1p to 115p yesterday as South African investors picked up more than 2 million shares, just under 2 per cent of the equity, at about the 115p level. Mr Anton Rupert's Rembrandt Group, has been tipped as a likely bidder. The full year figures expected shortly should exceed £135m, compared with £105m last time.

Election, with the FT Index closing at its high for the day 6.9 up at 710.3. But conditions remained thin with jobbers striving to keep an even position ahead of Thursday's poll.

The slowdown in growth of the May money supply figures came as a welcome relief to the gilt market, where earlier losses of more than 1% were reduced to 1/2% by the close. The pound ended 0.4 cents lower at \$1.5720 on the foreign exchange.

In leading equities, Beecham lost ground, closing 2p off at 371p, after 365p, amid fears that one of its latest wonderdrugs may never see the light of day.

Brokers W. Greenwell remain cautious of the group's prospects and believe the share price has been running ahead of events. As a result they have downgraded estimates for 1983/4 to £260m against £237m last time. The market estimates are as high as £295 million.

According to Greenwell the pound has risen 11 per cent since the year end which bodes ill for the group as last year more than 70 per cent of its earnings came from abroad. This could result in currency losses of about £20m.

Shares of UBM, the West

Mr Asil Nadir's attempts at restoring confidence in his Polly Peck empire received another boost yesterday as the shares rose 1/2 to 117 1/2 - their highest level for several months. This comes after the latest meeting between Polly Peck and the institutions at the offices of brokers James Capel at which Mr Nadir outlined his plans for the future.

Country builders merchant tumbled 3 1/2p to 89p after yesterday's report in The Times that there was a large seller of 3 million shares in the market. Only last week the shares hit a

new high after reporting a turnaround from a loss of £2m to a profit of £2.6m.

Electrical group GEC rose 1p to 247p after buying a 37 1/2 per cent stake in Hotpoint, the washing machine manufacturer from Schreiber. In return Schreiber will receive GEC's 62 1/2 per cent stake in Schreiber Industries. Under the complicated scheme Schreiber shareholders will receive £1.5m in cash and 2.5m GEC ordinary shares.

Among the newcomers Remshaw made a successful start on the Unlisted Securities Market establishing a 20p premium at 170p. McLaughlin & Harvey was also sought after on its debut opening at 180p - a premium of 25p.

Making its debut among the full listings, Abingworth, the computer experts rose 7p to 307p.

Meanwhile, United Electronic Holdings spurted 15p to 60p after announcing it was in talks which could lead to a bid. It hopes to make an announcement as soon as possible.

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North Sea offshoot keeps group in red

By John Lawless

Associated Fisheries has been incurring increased losses in the North Sea - by repairing and servicing the oil industry.

Its engineering offshoot, Aberdeen Jig and Tool, has seen steady demand push half-time profits up by about two-thirds to £149,000.

But the rest of AF's results, published yesterday underline that its more traditional activities are still suffering.

On a turnover of £33.1m, AF turned in a trading profit of £694,000 - a more than doubling of last year's half-time figures, but the interim dividend remains unchanged at 0.25p.

There are simply too many United Kingdom trawlers chasing catches.

AF is hoping for government action soon - a future policy for the fleet having been thrashed out within the industry. In the meantime, though, it has reported fishing losses of £497,000, against £291,000 at the same time last year.

Providing no more substantial losses are made by its trawlers - and given trading conditions which follow their normal seasonal patterns - a year-end pretax profit should be unchanged at £1.85m.

AF sold off one of its cold storage depots, at Nine Elms, last year and although the market remains depressed, stores at Wolverhampton and Tewkesbury in particular marginally helped improve this division's trading profit to £435,000.

Boost for McCorquodale

The Brazilian and South African subsidiaries of McCorquodale, the specialist printer, boosted its profits significantly in the last six months trading on which it reported yesterday.

Although the sterling/cruzeiro exchange is deteriorating rapidly, the latest results include an extraordinary credit of £600,000, which almost entirely stemmed from foreign money movements.

This unrealized profit on exchange arose from revaluing the group's overseas net assets and foreign currency liabilities at rates ruling at the end of March in place of those at the end of September last year.

But whilst sales were up to £55.7m, against £49.1m at the same time last year, trading profit dipped to £2.95m from £3.23m. Pretax profit rose 16 per cent to £3.5m.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● Estate & Agency Holdings:
Pretax profits for 1982 jumped by 157 per cent to £324,000. Earnings per ordinary share climbed from 0.29p to 3.75p. Net assets per ordinary share rose by 36 per cent to 190p. The year's profits of £324,000 and the dividend of 2p net a share (against with 1981's 1p) compared with the forecasts of about £300,000 and 1.5p respectively made by the company last Sept.

Lake & Elliot
Half-year to 31.3.83.
Pretax loss, £1.14 (£445,000).
Turnover, £11.87m (£12m).
Net interim dividend, nil (1.0p).

Property & Reversionary Investments
Year to 31.3.83.
Pretax profit, £2.09 (£2.32m).
Stated earnings, 5.8p (4.5p).
Net rental income, £2.58m (£2.41m).
Net dividend, 3.5p (3.3p).

Scotcor
Year to 31.3.83.
Pretax profit, £715,000 (£200,000).
Stated earnings, 5.0p (0.5p).
Turnover, £46.43m (£39.2m).
Net dividend, 5.5p (5.1p).

El Oro Mining & Exploration
Year to 31.12.82.
Pretax profit, £740,000 (£746,000).
Net dividend, 2.45p (2.1p), already paid.

Clyde Blowers
Year to 28.2.83.
Pretax profit, £98,000 (£245,000).
Stated earnings, 4.85p (12.27p).
Turnover, £1.98m (£2.01m).
Net interim dividend, 0.82p (0.82p).

Scott and Robertson hit by merger losses

By Jeremy Walker

Scott and Robertson of Dundee has had to provide £300,000 against losses incurred by its jute fibre interests since they were merged with those of the Co-operative Wholesale Society last August.

The interests were merged into a new jointly-owned company called Tay Spinners and control entrusted to an independent executive board drawn from both the former companies.

Mr James Jardine, chairman of Scott and Robertson, said yesterday that severe trading losses had been incurred since the merger. "We have been forced to make changes," he said.

In the year to the end of last February, the company turned losses of £109,000 in the previous 12 months into pretax profits of £92,000. However,

Scott and Robertson
Year to 25.2.83
Pretax profit £92,000 (loss £108,000)
Stated earnings 1.7p (0.34p)
Turnover £17.54m (£20.48m)
Net final dividend 0.75p (same)

this was transformed into a huge loss below the line by an extraordinary debit of £567,000, which takes account of the £300,000 provision against Tay Spinners.

A better start had been made, Mr Jardine said, to the present year by all the groups' subsidiaries, but results were likely to be further affected by the problems at Tay Spinners.

The company was no longer predominantly an industrial textiles concern, but now had a wide range of interests in the packaging field as well as its traditional jute and polypropylene interests, he said.

Shorts near to clinching £32m aircraft order

New business worth £32m was negotiated by Shorts, the Belfast aerospace company, at the recent Paris Air Show, Sir Philip Foreman, the chairman, said in Ulster yesterday.

The new contracts, still to be finalized, are orders from operators for Shorts' best-selling 330 and 360 commuter airliners.

But it is believed that the "launch" customer for the new Short Sherpa, a freighter and military transport derivative, of the 330, was also signed up at the Paris show.

Margins and orders will put Sumrie profits right

By Jonathan Clare

Sumrie Clothes, the Leeds maker of men's suits, should return to profit this year after a big reduction in its losses over the past 12 months.

The Tillman Group, the company of Mr Harold Tillman, who made a successful 65p share offer for Sumrie in April, will be injected into the company during the present year.

Mr Tillman, and his colleagues, control 46 per cent of Sumrie's shares, a further 11 per cent are in the hands of a

Sumrie Clothes
Year to 2.4.83
Pretax Loss £1,000 (Loss £84,000)
Stated Loss 1.98p (6.17p)
Turnover £2.6m (£2.8m)
Net total dividend 1.5p (same)
Share price 105p, down 1p Yield 2%

Monaco company called Le Chevalier, the true identity of which remains unclear.

The improvement in results stems from better orders, economy measures and the cutting of overheads.

The results include a £16,000 loss from the retail subsidiary.



Hopkinsons Holdings p.l.c.

Extracts from Mr. F.R. Bentley's Statement circulated with the Accounts for the year to 28th January, 1983

Last year's more pleasing result has been maintained. The second half had a somewhat greater turnover and profitability than the corresponding period of last year restoring the first half's shortfall; the improved liquidity brought a credit of interest earned and contributed to the slight improvement in the pre-tax profit. Comment at the last Annual General Meeting together with the interim statement expressed concern at the state of the market place, the latter particularly identifying the low pressure sector as depressed. The results in part reflect the lack of success which our efforts had to improve the position in that sector.

Hopkinsons Limited performed well and the co-operation of all concerned with short time working gave a flexibility of capacity to production requirements. The introduction of a computer aided design system, to be followed by computer aided manufacture, has been well received at the Works and the enthusiasm is heartening for the future. J. Blakeborough & Sons Limited is the operator most affected by the low pressure market but at the same time suffered recession in its exports. These problems continue and remedial action is being taken. Bryan Donkin Company Limited found compressor orders scarce and had to make a 10% reduction in labour force but ended the year in reasonable shape. Wolstenholmes (Radcliffe) Limited held its head above water in a highly competitive market. At John Moncrieff Limited closure threatened, but a severe slimming down exercise was carried out coupled with a different emphasis in manufacturing techniques which, if orders keep at their current levels, will enable profitability to be restored.

Trading conditions continue to be difficult and with order books remaining at previous levels we have the capacity to take advantage of an improvement in the market overall we are trading profitably.

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th JANUARY, 1983

	1983	1982
Turnover	£54,511	£54,714
Trading profit	3,359	3,708
Profit before taxation	3,503	3,487
Profit after taxation	2,239	2,606
Dividend	5.65p	6.65p
Earnings	17.0p	19.81p

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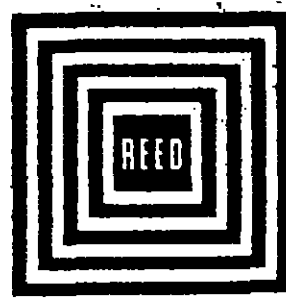
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£2,000,000	in Ordinary Shares of 5p each	£1,316,755

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Reed International PLC.

Preliminary Results for
Year Ended 3 April 1983

Trading Results

The results of the first half year were disappointing with trading profit of £33.1m compared with £43.4m for the corresponding period of the previous year. Although the second half saw a recovery to trading profit of £44.3m (1982: £38.2m), the improvement was not sufficient to make good the shortfall in the first half. The lower trading profit of £77.4m (1982: £81.6m) and increased interest charges reduced historical cost profit before tax to £60.9m (1982: £71.6m).

In spite of the fall in historical cost earnings, current cost operating profit increased by 22%, benefiting materially from the lower rate of inflation in the United Kingdom.

UK operations improved their trading profit over last year but there was a significant reduction in the profit of the overseas activities. Publishing operations increased their contribution to the trading profit to over 60% of the total.

The cost of rationalisation charged in the year was £15m (1982: £20m); principal items were closure of Tovil paper mill (£4m) and the Buffalo wallcoverings mill (£3m) and redundancies at Sphinx sanitaryware in Holland (£2m).

	1983	1982
£ million	Trading	Trading
	Sales	Sales
European Paper	168	174
Packaging	280	275
Reed Publishing	326	249
Consumer Publishing	241	252
Mirror Group Newspapers	263	254
Decorative Products	101	104
Paint and DIY	170	162
Reed Trading	151	142
Reed Building Products	151	133
North American Paper	146	141
Central Costs	(7.7)	(6.0)
(Net of Property Sales)	(188)	(187)
Inter-Company Sales	1809	1699
	774	816

United Kingdom

Intensely competitive conditions continued to affect the packaging, publishing and paint activities. Consumer publishing benefited from the elimination of losses at Odhams (Watford) which was sold during the year to British Printing & Communications Corporation giving rise to an extraordinary charge of £1.9m. Mirror Group Newspapers improved profit due to tight control of costs. Paper-making lost £2m after charging £4m for closure of Tovil mill. Rationalisation in Decorative Products began in earlier years was largely completed and these businesses had returned to profit by the end of the year. In spite of weak export markets, Building Products increased profit over the previous year.

Overseas

Consumer demand in North America fell dramatically during the first half. The resulting de-stocking and weak market conditions had a severe impact on North American Paint and Decorative Products and made it necessary to close the wallcoverings factory in Buffalo, USA. The costs of this closure and of transferring production to a new factory in Toronto contributed to a loss of £8m in North American Wallcoverings. Although the Quebec newsprint mill ran full throughout the year, the fall in the price of newsprint in November 1982 reduced profit in the second half. Overseas publishing activities and particularly those in North America increased profit in spite of the recession.

Taxation

Higher UK profit together with lower Stock Relief and Capital Allowances increased the UK corporation tax charge to a level which enabled ACT on the current year's dividend to be fully absorbed.

The effective rate of tax on consolidated pre-tax profit was 34% compared with 25% last year.

Investment

Capital expenditure totalled £71m (1982: £68m) of which £15m related to the programme for increased capacity and product improvement at the Quebec newsprint mill.

In addition, £42m was spent on acquisitions which extended Reed International's interests in paint, exhibitions, UK regional newspapers, publication of medical journals and lignin chemicals.

Finance

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET		
£ million	3.4.83	4.4.82
Funds Invested		
Shareholders' Funds	597	569
Outside Shareholders' Interests	4	4
Loan Capital	190	189
Historical Cost Total	791	762
CCA Adjustments	163	151
Current Cost Total	954	913
Funds Employed		
Properties and Plant	429	391
Investments	20	19
Goodwill	98	76
Working Capital	242	243
Cash (less Bank Loans)	2	33
Historical Cost Total	791	762
CCA Adjustments	163	151
Current Cost Total	954	913

With low levels of demand in many businesses and reduced rates of inflation, a fall in the level of working capital was offset by exchange differences. The cash inflow from operations of £24m compared with outflows of £9m and £14m for the previous two years.

The increase in the Debt/Equity ratio to 38% (1982: 32%) was entirely due to expenditure on acquisitions.

Earnings and Dividends

Profit attributable to shareholders before extraordinary items was Historical £40m (1982: £54m) and Current Cost £6m (1982: £9m) resulting in Earnings per Share of Historical 33.5p (1982: 47.3p) and Current Cost 5.1p (1982: 8.1p).

The Board has decided to recommend a final dividend of 10p per ordinary share making, together with the interim dividend of 4p already paid, a total of 14p for the year (1982: 14p).

Subject to the approval of the Annual General Meeting which will be held on 4 August 1983, the final dividend will be paid on 16 August 1983 to shareholders on the register on 8 July 1983.

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PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED PROFIT STATEMENT

for the 52 weeks to 3 April 1983

	Historical Cost		Current Cost	
	Year Ended	3.4.83	Year Ended	3.4.83
	£ million		£ million	
Turnover	1344.1	1283.5	1344.1	1283.5
United Kingdom and Overseas	464.9	415.0	464.9	415.0
	1809.0	1698.5	1809.0	1698.5
Trading Profit before Exceptional Items	92.0	101.1	52.9	51.3
Exceptional Items	(14.6)	(19.5)	(15.1)	(22.0)
Share of Profits of Related Companies	1.0	2.5	(0.1)	1.6
Operating Profit				
United Kingdom	56.7	44.4	32.2	5.6
Overseas	21.7	39.7	5.5	25.3
	78.4	84.1	37.7	30.9
Gearing Adjustment			7.1	8.2
Interest	(17.5)	(12.5)	(17.5)	(12.5)
Profit before Taxation	60.9	71.6	27.3	26.6
Taxation				
United Kingdom	(14.9)	(6.1)	(14.9)	(6.1)
Overseas	(6.0)	(11.5)	(6.0)	(11.5)
	(20.9)	(17.6)	(20.9)	(17.6)
Profit after Taxation	40.0	54.0	6.4	9.0
Outside Shareholders' Interests	(0.3)	0.1	(0.2)	0.1
Preference Dividends	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Profit before Extraordinary Item	39.5	53.9	6.0	8.9
Extraordinary Item	(18.7)		(18.7)	
Profit/(Loss) attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	20.8	53.9	(12.7)	8.9
Ordinary Dividends paid and proposed				
1983: 14p per share (1982: 14p per share)	(16.5)	(16.3)	(16.5)	(16.3)
Profit/(Loss) Retained	4.3	37.6	(29.2)	(7.4)
Earnings per Ordinary Share	33.5p	47.3p	5.1p	8.1p

The figures for the 52 weeks to 3 April 1983 are abridged from the Group's full accounts for that period, which have received an unqualified auditors' report and will be filed with the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting.

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On election eve, Graham Searjeant assesses policies that will affect job-queues

Making the Williamsburg strategy work

The only clear consensus to emerge from the general election campaign is that unemployment – and how to cure it – is the biggest issue on which voters have to decide Britain's national strategy tomorrow. With only slightly less consensus, it has emerged that roughly half Britain's rising unemployment stemmed from government policies (or Britain's special long-run problems) and half from the worst world recession since the 1930s.

There was, therefore, more than a touch of irony when, only after long heart-searching, Mrs Thatcher decided to make a hurried overnight visit to the Williamsburg summit as an interruption to the election campaign. For if the election was to set the course for policy on domestically generated unemployment then the summit was its nearest equivalent in setting global policy on the world slump and how to handle recovery.

There is no reason to think that global strategies will have any more or less effect on the job queues than policies pursued after the election at home.

Whatever happens tomorrow, Mrs Thatcher's cures certainly prevailed at Williamsburg. The message of the seven leaders' communiqué, as from the talks themselves, was that only vigilance against inflation, sound money, cuts in "structural" budget deficits through controlled spending on transfer payments and lower interest rates will make room for a natural and enduring economic recovery.

Indeed, with the possible and vital exception of exchange rate targets, the advanced countries have adopted a version of Sir Geoffrey Howe's medium-term financial strategy. They have also recommended it – via the

banks and the International Monetary Fund – to other countries, from Brazil to Holland, not privileged to sit round the summit table.

Yet the Williamsburg communiqué remains a more intriguing and unpredictable economic document than the Conservative Party manifesto.

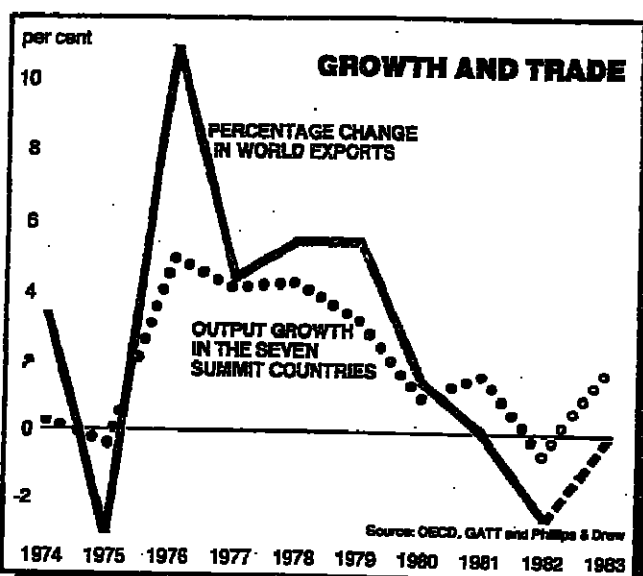
The summit had been unlike any other in its build-up. Instead of mere arguments about what one or other country should do, it faced an agenda for joint agreement to reform the international financial system, beyond the scope of national action even by the United States.

The debt crisis, backdoor protection, widely fluctuating interest and exchange rates, all the detritus of recession, could slow down recovery by inhibiting investment in advanced countries and keeping Third World markets depressed. Slow recovery would make no impact on unemployment or poverty and possibly abort the whole process after the first stage.

Figures as diverse as New Zealand's Mr Robert Muldoon, Japan's Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, ex-Chancellor Herr Helmut Schmidt and French leaders past and present formulated variously ambitious programmes to clear away this debris.

Long before the summit, the possibilities of sterile debate on inflation versus sound money had disappeared in favour of a divide between international reformers and the American view that recovery would itself gather sufficient strength to sweep away these apparent obstacles.

The final communiqué addressed all these obstacles. Indeed, given a startling lack of specific pledges, it reads not unlike the eight guidelines set



out in advance by Herr Schmidt. It focuses on the need to cut interest rates and bring economic policies closer to stabilize the five main currencies: it expresses determination to halt the trend to protection and reverse it "as recovery proceeds", to coordinate intervention in foreign exchange markets when needed, and bolster the IMF and other international agencies to stop the debt crisis getting out of hand.

Only negotiations with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to stabilize oil prices and the so-called "new Bretton Woods" conference to establish semi-fixed exchange rates went firmly onto the back burner.

Yet this was enough to convert President Mitterrand, the most vocally sceptical summiteer, to the idea that these meetings are splendidly useful after all. So far, the facts

hardly support such optimism. The overvalued dollar has kept rising against most currencies other than the poll-booster pound.

Interest rates in the United States have actually edged up. Yet the French have remained buoyant since their return to Paris to embark on another round of enforced austerity. There is, they are convinced, a change in the atmosphere, brought about by a belated but genuine American understanding of the need to shore up Third World trade and of the reality of the threats to world recovery.

But will this intangible change of atmosphere actually mean anything?

The dollar and US interest rates provide an early test. The dollar is strong for the usual reason, that the budget deficit is boosting money supply and interest rates. To reverse this in the short-term, the authorities

would have to say they were unconcerned about the money figures, or take other action to curb them, push against any rise in rates and act with the countries of the European Monetary System on the exchanges.

In practice, Mr Martin Feldstein, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, has merely made a prepared speech saying that the "the recent rapid growth of the M1 money supply is a serious concern. The money stock must not be allowed to go on expanding at its recent pace".

In the longer run there are also problems over interest rates. The US position is confused. For instance, Mr Donald Regan, the Treasury Secretary has opined that the budget deficit has little to do with high interest rates. The more general stance is that recovery will itself help cut rates, contrary to traditional thinking. Output will catch up with money. Cuts in unemployment will trim the budget. And inflationary expectations, which traditionally overhang interest rates for some time, will be swept away.

This might offer scope for joint action through the more regular planned consultations of the top five finance ministers and the managing director of the IMF. Coordinated moves to cut interest rates simultaneously as output curbs inflation might have little effect on money or foreign exchange markets, especially after the important expressions of confidence in recovery sent out by the summit.

Otherwise, the ministerial meetings to coordinate policy may start with some lean sessions. In the United States, the tax/welfare/defence impasse

between White House and Congress over the budget could continue until the presidential election.

Europe, has some way to go before economic growth passes the threshold – 3 to 4 per cent – where it might have some impact on unemployment, not only in Britain but also in deficit-ridden Italy and the Benelux countries.

The key issue in convergence remains whether an agreement to manage currencies within agreed bands would be the spur to more compatible economic policies or can only follow them.

Mr Nakasone has stressed that exchange rate fluctuations are behind protectionism and therefore shrinking world trade, which used to be the biggest single stimulus to Third World development.

As yet, output growth has yet to pass the point at which it might again stimulate instead of depressing world trade. The volume of trade and commodity prices, along with interest rates remain the keys to unlocking the debt crisis outside the advanced industrial nations. Countries like Brazil and some oil producers still face sharp falls in activity.

Again, unemployment is vital. Regardless of economic progress, high unemployment will provide a spur to protectionist measures, which were growing up until the weekend of the summit. If ministers can hold the line despite unemployment, they might bridge that vital gap to sustained recovery.

As Britain and the United States lead recovery, then West Germany and Japan get moving later this year, there should be few doubts about a growing return to economic health, unemployment aside next year.

The problems will arise when the short-term cycle peaks, perhaps in 1985. Unless world trade and the finances of developing countries have been sorted out by then, the Williamsburg strategy will be sorely tested.

Financial notebook

Gossip that mars the City's image

Bouncing share prices have spurred the Takeover Panel to remind companies and bankers that it is no longer City practice to gossip about bids before they are actually announced.

It is the sort of thing which tarnishes the City's image and, while Professor Jim Gower reviews Britain's protection for the ordinary investor, the image is quite important.

Buying shares on price sensitive information known by only a few can be unfair to ordinary shareholders and tends sometimes to create false markets. It is also illegal.

The law against it was passed three years ago this month.

As with the legislation outlawing "concert parties" – those who buy shares separately and in secret to use them as one holding later – proof was always the worry.

Neither the law on insider dealing nor in concert parties has ever been tested. The three insider dealing cases to date have been guilty and no concert party charges have ever been brought.

The last Parliamentary question requesting the number of cases under investigation was two years ago.

Assessing whether the City itself takes the legislation seriously is difficult. Preliminary investigations into share price movements are carried out by the Stock Exchange.

Their quotations committee decides whether the movement in the share prices was normal or information-inspired.

If they feel buying was heavier than would normally have been expected and that a *prima facie* case of insider dealing exists, the papers are passed to the Department of Trade.

But the Exchange has long since stopped making public statements on which inquiries have been passed to the DoT. The practice seems short

sighted and a dangerous precedent.

While appreciating the need to maintain anonymity of individuals and firms with possible involvement in investigation, there seems little harm in identifying the name of the company whose share dealings are being probed.

The exchange now merely gives the numbers of investigations. In the 12 months to March inquiries into abnormal price movements rose from 3,267 to 3,753. But the number eventually passed to the Department of Trade dropped from 21 to 18.

Whether this shows fewer cases of insider dealing or acute difficulty in gathering evidence for such a charge must be left to conjecture.

The Department of Trade issues no statistics at all. But it is generally believed that there are several dozen cases currently under investigation.

This reluctance to discuss an issue which benefits a few at the expense of the majority must surely harm the City's reputation.

The most important commodity in the stock market is information. Bull markets tend to heighten insider dealing and takeover activity is reaching the hottest levels for years.

Buying on takeover information tips is inextricably linked with buying or selling on information like profits figures or trading not covered under the Takeover Panel's remit.

This is one for the Stock Exchange. It may take the cynical view that insider dealing will never be stopped. It is an intrinsic part of the system.

But given the current political interest in that institution's affairs, it would seem some small help to the workings of the City for it to offer some public support to the Panel's attempts at plugging the leaks.

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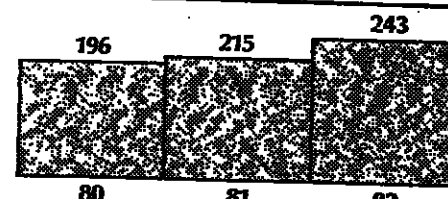
Laporte

Highlights from the Statement by the Chairman at the Annual General Meeting, 3rd June 1983

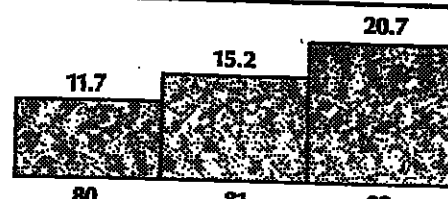
- 1982 profit up 36%
- 1982 dividend up 25%
- good start to 1983
- rights issue announced 3.6.83

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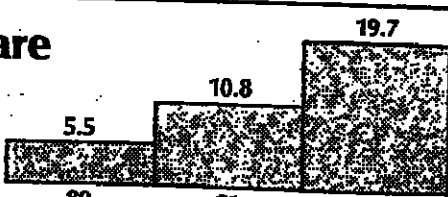
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Reexamination

As we left, politely saying we hoped he knew somewhere else to go, when the revolution arrived, three other diners who had overheard the exchange said to me that I did not understand the problem. I said it was difficult to explain. I said I agreed that any satisfactory explanation was indeed difficult.

Fortunately, that is not the end of the story. We crossed the street to another restaurant, where we had an excellent meal. With service and attention which would have been a credit to Claridges, and as we left the waiter and the proprietor, both in white, were waiting to ask for the autograph of the man who, of the International Olympic Committee, is the most respectable of winning an Olympic medal. They had recognized him, and not only congratulated him, but invited him back whenever you can come, and bring your friend.

DAVID MILLER

Incidents such as this persuaded me on a social and political as well as a sporting basis that the South African argument needed re-examination, and I went there for the first time from a starting point of complete conviction that the boycott was morally correct; that the end — the amendment of the many hated segregation laws implementing apartheid — justified the means.

What became apparent were two unmistakable factors: that there is an approximate dividing line among whites, somewhere between the age of 30 and 40, separating the old "superior white" attitude and the liberal thinking of a modern generation which is awake to morality and reality, and that if a bloody revolution is to be avoided, when the best interest of the non-white in South Africa will now be served by readmitting if not all then certainly some of the major sports such as football, athletics and boxing, into the international arena.

This interpretation of the present state of social evolution may be particularly relevant in the light of forthcoming events: the special meeting of MCC to discuss sending an official tour to the court case brought by the South African Athletic Union against the IAAF for illegal suspension, and the decision to be taken by a new president on next year's projected rugby tour by England.

The readmission of South Africa internationally, even on a restricted basis, would have the effect of restoring that notorious concept which the majority of the rest of the world has associated with a predominantly white orientated country. I believe that the outside world is now tending to look at the isolation of South Africa from totally the wrong aspect - whether the white man has made sufficient concessions and compromises in a hated administration, to be given back his ball, his much-prized privileged membership of various international clubs, rather than

whether the black coloured man can use the sporting platform to help create for his country a multiracial image such as Brazil's which will internationally dignify his ethnic race, expand his self-respect and prestige, while internally accelerating social and political changes already in motion and ensuring they are irreversible.

This view will be said by the committed forces of the left to be naïve; that the non-white can never achieve dignity and prestige while he is denied outside sport, so many freedoms. To which one can only answer that other than by the bombing of the bomb the changes in which the non-white can demand for that country can only be achieved by evolutionary degrees; that the external sporting boycott has now been replaced by the time limit on political effectiveness; and is about to become rapidly counter-productive in encouraging reactionary right-wing extremism by the Conservative and Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (Apartheid opposition parties to the National Party (increasingly liberal) government).

Lip service

While it was apparent traveling to half a dozen different cities that some white still speak with forked tongue, that they pay lip service to integration without actually believing in it, that they now grudgingly accept the fact of black nationalism, they could equally well have seen 25 years ago without the encouragement of external pressure, it is abundantly obvious that that double standard exists in the United Nations. The backed left wing nations which are determined that South Africa shall be excluded everywhere at all cost. What could be more hypocritical than the stand of the French government banning the rugby tour, while permitting the government supported Renault team to compete in the South

When I interviewed Hassan Howa, the former secretary of the South African Council of Sport and a militant opponent

now of all cricket tours, he was quick to point out that many of the greatest sportsmen in history, Owens, Louis, Pele, Ali and Socha, had never before emerged had they been born in South Africa. Not in the past certainly, but now they could: and what force of argument, what international identity could be exerted for the oppressed majority by the sporting South Africa equivalent of a Lech Walesa. It is now difficult to avoid the conclusion that, within sport, the racismism, in South Africa is exhibited among non-whites.

Additional problems for sport are twofold: that the majority of those foreigners who seek to get South Africa readmitted are either of a conspicuously right wing allegiance, such as John Carlisle and his friends in the Freedom in Sport organization, or are professionally orientated with a vested interest in the financial potential of the South African market.

It is stretching credibility to suppose that they are all deeply and sincerely concerned with the welfare of the Johannesburg diamond mine dormitory dwelling labourer who sees his family in his homeland for a few weeks in the year, or with the one black child who dies of malnutrition every 15 minutes. Though I grant them the possibility that they may be.

There is unfortunately no chance, now and in the future, to separate sport and politics. It suits the political left to focus on white South Africa contra-

vention of human rights as a counterbalance to the extremism of Eastern Europe, Central Africa and elsewhere, and they are vastly more successful in practice, for no other country is scrutinized to the same degree for sporting acceptance, or rejection, of the outside world. And the IOC which refuses to send a commission of investigation, having promised to do so if South Africa withdrew its request at the Baden-Baden congress for readmission - is not aware of the extent to which the present government is trying to move ungressively

A white Stellenbosch University-educated economist said to me on a flight from Durban: "We on the liberal, middle ground would like the government to have moved much farther and faster, but had they done so, the reaction from the extreme right would have become dangerous. One of these days, the black man is going to win this argument."

Survived

The Pretoria Council may have closed the city parks in the worst imaginable piece of public relations, but the fact is that South Africa has had black presidents in its non-racial football and cricket administrations, a black vice-president in

athletics, which is rather more than you can imagine happening in England for some years to come. The Botha government is committed to spending £300m

on sport over the next five years, the majority of it to the benefit of non-whites - a practical demonstration of the shift in ideology which lies behind the projected presidential council embracing coloured and Asian prime ministers under an executive president.

Dr Danie Craven, for almost 30 years the leader of South African rugby, has survived attempts by the secret Broederbond society to dominate rugby, because his international contacts became crucial after isolation - though the Broederbond still attempt to influence the choice of captain. Craven, who personally apologised to Basile d'Oliveira when he was banned by Prime Minister Vorster, has battled to embrace all races in rugby.

But Craven believes the onus is now on England to rationalize world opinion on South African sport, if all the changes that have been made to the advantage of the non-white are not to be wasted. "We in sport have thrown open all the doors," he says, "and the sportsmen fought our government and won. The people who should be on our side are fighting against us. If I let my emotions out, I would hate England for the way she has turned, but I'm proud of my English background. Everywhere I go, people are waiting for England to live the lead, but they won't wait for ever. The English influence is still there, but where is the leadership?"

Tomorrow: The SACOS case for isolation, and the answer.

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

No matter where Joe Bugner goes in the next 18 months he will find, like it or not, Frank Warren standing by to collect his 25 per cent as his manager. Even though Bugner took on Marvin Frazier in Atlantic City on Saturday without his manager's permission and has not told him where he plans to go next, Warren maintains: "I'm still his manager. And where he fights I will lodge my contract with the commission of that place." Bugner may find Warren sticking closer to him over the 18 months the contract still has to run than young Frazier did over 10 rounds.

But Warren insisted that it was not the 25 per cent that mattered so much as the principle. He said that if he let Bugner get away with arranging his contests other boxers could get ideas and go their own way too. Ray Clarke, the secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, concurred: "We would lose all our fighters in 12 months," he said.

The Frazier bout had been planned, Warren claimed. Bugner's wife Marlene who, according to Warren, had no standing with either the British board or the New Jersey State Athletic Commission under whose auspices the Atlantic City bout was held. The two fighters were joined by Marlene, her long Eastern Shore brother, Earl, and two Shavers and now Marvin Frazier. Warren said, "He had no business taking on this up and coming young fighter. Now who wants to know about Bugner? It just goes to prove that Bugner was a coward who was afraid to make fights. It is extremely dangerous for the well being of the boxer."

Of his purse of \$75,000 Bugner has \$31,000 left. The Federal Government has taken \$23,000. \$18,000 has been withheld by the New Jersey commission pending an inquiry in two week's time, and \$3,000 has gone in training expenses.

Now there is only one contest left for Bugner. Warren admitted. Against Frank Bruno. But the London promoter, who is suing "certain papers" for libel, made it clear that should any other promoter feel inclined to swoop on his boxer, he also would have to reckon with his legal eagles.

"It is a pity that he went ahead like that" Warren said "I had a fight lined up in South Africa with John Tate for £120,000. If he had stayed here, what with Pierce giving up his heavyweight title claim he would have fought for the British title and got nomination for the European and been on his way to a world title fight. Warren said that he had even been prepared to pay any money that might have been outstanding to Barry's first wife, Melody.

While Warren was in the United States he fixed up bouts for his other opponents, Roy Gumbs and Keith Wallace, who challenge for the European title on June 17.

Gumbs is a former contender for Hagler's title in Atlantic City. He has been in the U.S. since he lost to Citty in the hope, possibly, that it would give him a chance to fight Gumbs thumps Hagler, may find himself inclined to thump Gumbs. Or, if he might like to fight Hagler again, he will have to beat Citty first.

Brissel and Commonwealth titles against the unbeaten West Ham middleweight, Marc Kaylor. Wallace mixes it with the world ranked lightweight who is ranked one pound heavier than the world champion.

Though why Warren is taking on this tough Mexican who stopped one of Magri's difficult to imagine, as after winning the European title last year, he is now looking for a new world title opponent.

● Paris (AP) — The World Boxing Council has decided to ask their middleweight champion, Marvin Hagler, to a meeting to determine if he has abandoned the WBC title, the council president, José Sulaiman, has announced. Hagler has refused to accept WBC rules that call for 12-round rather than the traditional 15-round bout.

GOLF

Opening for Parkin

A total of 1,107 players, slightly fewer than last year, have entered next month's Open championship at Royal Birkdale. The retiring Royal and Ancient secretary, Keith Mackenzie, described the field as "The highest quality ever seen in Britain".

The number of players exempt from qualifying is 70, including the newly-crowned Amateur champion, Philip Parkin, and the winner of the US Open later this month. Another 10 could come from the State Express Classic at the Belfry in the week before the Open.

A further 303 are exempt from regional qualifying and they will be joined in the final qualifying competition by the 197 players who come through the area rounds.

Because of the new handicapping system there are only 103 amateurs entered over 100 fewer than last

year, but the total number of countries represented has gone up from 25 to 29. The best-known names who have already informed Mackenzie that they will not be coming over are the Americans, Bruce, Lietzke, Andy North and Low Graham, and the Japanese, Izo-

● Peter McEvoy has the chance to reestablish his high standing after a period of indifferent form when he plays for England in the European men's amateur team championships at Chantilly, June 22 to 26. McEvoy, the Amateur champion in

1977 and 1978, is preferred to Peter Deeble who, despite some fine play this year, is listed as a non-travelling reserve.

TEAM: G Marks (non-playing captain), P Hedger, S Kepler, P McEvoy, A Oldcorn, J Plezton, M Thompson. Non-travelling reserves: P Deeble, A Sherbourne, C Banks.

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Emburey hoists Middlesex to top of the table

By Richard Streeton

DARTFORD: Middlesex (21 pts) beat Kent (8) by four wickets.

Middlesex needed all the resolution they could summon after being left 151 to make on a wearing pitch. Underwood took six wickets but lacked the necessary support at the other end. Barlow and Gattling were the batting stalwarts as Middlesex moved slowly to the target. This victory puts Middlesex on top of the county table.

Kent had every reason to rue their collapse on Monday against Emburey, who bowled better than anyone else in the game. The pitch only yielded slow turn and there was an awkward spot at one end but batting at times was made to look harder than it should have been. Emburey finished with six for 13 as Kent's last four wickets fell in 40 minutes and underlined the gap between himself and other English off-spinners.

There was the rare sight at the end of Kent's innings of both batsmen with runners when Woolmer (broken toe), accompanied by Taylor, joined Cowdrey (bruised foot) who had Benson running for him. It was R. C. Robertson-Glasgow, I think, who in similar circumstances, once claimed to have witnessed a run out, in which all four men finished at one end.

He used to add, wistfully, that he would have liked to have been able to say that it was the two runners who departed but that it had not quite happened like that. Cowdrey cleared the congestion this time when he was caught at slip and went off to have an x-ray examination of his foot. It disclosed a chipped bone and like Woolmer he will be out of the game for a fortnight.

Underwood, who is 38 today, finished with match figures of 10 for 124, the forty-third time he has taken 10 or more wickets in a match. He shared the new ball with Jarvis and after changing ends bowled two

KENT: First Innings 350 for 8 dec (R A Woolmer 118, A P E Knott 92 not out).
Second Innings 291 for 8 dec (R A Woolmer 118, A P E Knott 92 not out).

Middlesex: First Innings 287 for 4 dec (R A Woolmer 118, A P E Knott 92 not out).
Second Innings 291 for 8 dec (R A Woolmer 118, A P E Knott 92 not out).

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-50, 3-56, 4-57, 5-58, 6-64, 7-75, 8-85, 9-85, 10-87.
BOWLING: Emburey 6-13, 11-15, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23, 24-25, 26-27, 28-29, 30-31, 32-33, 34-35, 36-37, 38-39, 40-41, 42-43, 44-45, 46-47, 48-49, 50-51, 52-53, 54-55, 56-57, 58-59, 60-61, 62-63, 64-65, 66-67, 68-69, 70-71, 72-73, 74-75, 76-77, 78-79, 80-81, 82-83, 84-85, 86-87, 88-89, 90-91, 92-93, 94-95, 96-97, 98-99, 100-101, 102-103, 104-105, 106-107, 108-109, 110-111, 112-113, 114-115, 116-117, 118-119, 120-121, 122-123, 124-125, 126-127, 128-129, 130-131, 132-133, 134-135, 136-137, 138-139, 140-141, 142-143, 144-145, 146-147, 148-149, 150-151, 152-153, 154-155, 156-157, 158-159, 160-161, 162-163, 164-165, 166-167, 168-169, 170-171, 172-173, 174-175, 176-177, 178-179, 180-181, 182-183, 184-185, 186-187, 188-189, 190-191, 192-193, 194-195, 196-197, 198-199, 200-201, 202-203, 204-205, 206-207, 208-209, 210-211, 212-213, 214-215, 216-217, 218-219, 220-221, 222-223, 224-225, 226-227, 228-229, 230-231, 232-233, 234-235, 236-237, 238-239, 240-241, 242-243, 244-245, 246-247, 248-249, 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The future is uncertain but McEnroe's end is nowhere near

By Jerome Caminada

John McEnroe, in sombre mood, came onto the court in the Stella Artois tournament at Queen's Club yesterday, efficiently dispatched a fellow American, left Borovick, 6-3, 6-3 in the first round, and then spoke whimsically about things he wanted to accomplish in life. He was lucky, he said, in that he had tennis skills, but he was going to care about me in 10 years, or maybe five. There were, he implied, other pursuits he had in mind.

He had no intention, he added, of retiring from tennis in the foreseeable future, but he had not appreciated some of the things that had happened to him, though part of that had been self-induced. He had made mistakes, but it was information that they had given him that he valued.

Of yesterday's play, McEnroe said little to say, beyond that the centre court was slippery with rain and he had been close to playing.

Borovick, who is now 33 and has twice been in the last 16 at Wimbledon was not consistent enough to push McEnroe. Nick Saviano, an American with much grass court experience at Wimbledon, was guilty of the same shortcoming against Ivan Lendl, the Czechoslovak who is seeded number three. Lendl has avoided grass since an early defeat at Wimbledon two years ago but he gave little sign

yesterday of being insecure on this surface. Lendl's renowned service and forehand drive dominated yesterday's match. Saviano was slow to yield, but a loss of one service game in each of two sets was sufficient to put him out, 4-6, 4-6.

Afterwards, Lendl agreed that the surface had been slippery, but remarked simply that "one has to put up with it". A grass surface was undoubtedly different, requiring, for example, swift adaptation to the low bounce and making top spin shots inadvisable.

John Lloyd, the sole British entrant, went out in bewildering fashion against Nduka Odizor, a 24-year-old Nigerian who developed his tennis at school and university in Houston, Texas. The Nigerian won 6-4, 0-6, 6-4 and so dramatically did fortunes change in the second and third sets that Lloyd afterwards said dolefully, "I don't know how I lost".

The first set was even, but in the next Odizor became peevish over line decisions against him and, after losing the first two games, he took only one point in the next four. Completely in the ascendancy, Lloyd swept out to lead 4-1 in the final set. Then the sea-saw tilted suddenly the other way.

Four rounds in Odizor (Nig) vs J Lloyd (GB), 6-4, 0-6, 6-4, 6-4. In the second set, Lloyd won 6-4, 0-6, 6-4, 6-4. In the third set, Lloyd won 6-4, 0-6, 6-4, 6-4. In the fourth set, Lloyd won 6-4, 0-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Noah in wilderness

Paris (AFP) - The French Open champion, Yannick Noah, has been suspended by the Professional Tennis Council for 49 days and fined \$20,000 for walking out of the Nations Cup competition in Dusseldorf last week.

Noah, who won the French Championships at Roland Garros on Sunday, will still be able to play for France in the Davis Cup match against Paraguay on July 8 to 10 in Marseille. Noah has 30 days in which to lodge an appeal against the ruling. If he decides not to appeal, the decision will take effect on July 11.

Noah had already decided not to compete in the Nations Cup at the end of June as he is unhappy on the grass surface.

Miss Barker just wins a domestic argument

By Richard Eaton

defeat greeted her slide to the point where she now stands at No. 3 in Britain and No. 60 in the world. The best that could be said about yesterday was that at least she survived a dangerous match.

The incidents indicated how much to domestic prize was at stake. At 4-5 and 40-15 in the first set Mrs Barker hit a ball near the line which Miss Barker queried by leaning on the net, arguing with the umpire, and summoning the referee. "It's not fair," she said, "the ball was in."

In the next game Mrs Barker, serving to save the set, served one

year-old South African with a multi-banded racket arm.

Two seeds were beaten - Beth Hart, the No. 11, by 6-1, 6-7, 7-5 against fellow American Sherry Paine, and the Bulgarian Manuela Maleeva, seeded ninth, by 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, to another American Nancy Yeargin. Those defeats simply underlined the achievement of the old stars.

FIRST ROUND: S Barker (GB) vs D Jarrett (GB), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. S Barker (GB) vs D Jarrett (GB), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. S Barker (GB) vs D Jarrett (GB), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. S Barker (GB) vs D Jarrett (GB), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET

By Michael Berry

Arthur Sutton, the Cheshire captain, began his twenty-fifth season in Minor Counties cricket when he lined up in his side's opening match of the Western Division season against Shropshire at Wellington on Sunday. Sutton, who made his first appearance for the county in 1959 against that year's eventual champions, Warwickshire Seconds at Edgbaston, will be 44 later this month and as one of the longest-serving players in the competition he has achieved many milestones.

Last season, in particular, was a notable one for the Manchester-born player who was discarded by Lancashire after one second XI game in 1977. He reached 10,000 runs in Minor Counties cricket and also took his 150th catch for the county before being forced to miss a large slice of the season with an eye injury sustained in club cricket.

A left-handed batsman he has, in addition, also taken over 300 wickets at an average of little over 21 with his slow right arm off-breaks. Over the years Sutton will have seen many changes in the level of the game. In his first season Cheshire finished twentieth equal with Cornwall in a table of 28 teams that included no fewer than nine first class sides.

In his twenty-fifth year, he is to be offered the chance of trading new territory in the form of a West and East division of 10 teams which that that he has been a major sponsor, the United Friendly Insurance.

IN BRIEF

Frazier to make a million - World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion, Larry Holmes, has agreed to defend his title against Marvin Frazier in Atlantic City in September. Holmes will receive \$3m and Frazier \$1m. The bout will be held in a specially built stadium in the car park of Resorts International Hotel.

Football: The Scotland squad for Sunday, Edinburgh on June 16 and Toronto on June 19. Cycling: Sixty six cyclists, including Bernard Hinault of France, will take part in the Tour of Luxembourg, which starts today with a race against the clock over 2.3 kilometres.

Rugby: The French Rugby Federation president, Albert Ferrasse, yesterday said in Cape Town that he would do everything in his power to arrange a meeting between his South African counterpart, Dima Craven, and the French

CRICKET

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County Championship (11 to 20) (5th division) - Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 1st day. Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 2nd day. Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 3rd day.

County Championship (11 to 20) (6th division) - Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 1st day. Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 2nd day. Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 3rd day.

County Championship (11 to 20) (7th division) - Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 1st day. Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 2nd day. Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 3rd day.

County Championship (11 to 20) (8th division) - Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 1st day. Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 2nd day. Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 3rd day.

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County Championship (11 to 20) (10th division) - Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 1st day. Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 2nd day. Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 3rd day.

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County Championship (11 to 20) (20th division) - Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 1st day. Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 2nd day. Lancashire vs Yorkshire, 3rd day.

Leao comes back to challenge Zoff

Leao, the forgotten man of Brazil, returns to the goal against Portugal tonight. Leao, aged 32, was a member of Brazil's 1970, 1974 and 1978 World Cup squads. However, he was omitted from Spain in 1982 where Waldi Paros's form was less than distinguished.

Now the new Brazilian manager, Carlos Alberto Parreira, has given Leao an early opportunity to re-establish himself in the first match of Brazil's four-game European tour.

Leao, who will be making his international debut against Austria on Sunday, has been a regular for the last two years. He is a close to overtaking Kimo Zoff (112 appearances) as the most capped goalkeeper in history.

Vienna (Reuters) - Unbeaten Austria can open up a two point lead over Northern Ireland at the top of Group Six if they beat lowly Albania in their European Championship qualifying tie in Tirana today.

Austria are missing the injured Kramel and Pezzer, but are capable of repeating their 5-0 victory over the Albanians in September. At the moment, they have a game in hand over Northern Ireland.

All stand and enclosure tickets for the Wales v Brazil match at Ninian Park on June 12 have been sold, but terrace tickets are still available. A capacity crowd of 40,000 is expected.

Benson dismissed

John Benson has been dismissed as Manchester City's manager. The board met last night for the first since they were relegated to the second division and reached a majority decision to sack Benson.

Benson said: "The chairman asked me to stay until a successor was appointed but I didn't think it would be fair to do that. I wanted to make a clean break."

FIFA ban Africans

One Ivory Coast player was suspended for a year and three others punished for their parts in the brawl against the United States in Sunday's World Youth Cup game in Puebla.

FIFA's disciplinary committee suspended Lucien Kassy from all international activity for a year for hitting the Peruvian referee Cesar Pinedo. Alain Ghezzi was suspended for two internationals for insulting the referee. Richard Ori and Bernardi Gbe also received suspensions for rough play and will miss today's game against

Hilaire for sale

Alan Mullery, the Crystal Palace manager, has placed Vince Hilaire on the transfer list. The fee will be about £200,000. Meanwhile Mullery has agreed terms with Tottenham Hotspur for their centre-half, Lacy, and Luton Town's midfielder player, Horton, may join Palace when he returns from holiday.

YACHTING

Barnes storming ahead of rivals

By John Nicholls

David Barnes and Hamish Wilcox, from New Zealand, scored their second successive win when racing continued in the 470 class world championship at Weymouth yesterday. In contrast to their decisive win in rough conditions on Monday, yesterday's success was equally clean-cut in a lighter, shifting breeze. Second place was filled by an East German for the second day running, this time it was Jürgen Reinders who was 1min 10sec astern.

It had been hoped to hold two races, to make up for the one lost on Sunday, but conditions ruled this out. When the start of the first race was delayed by two hours to allow for an abandonment and two general recalls, a second race was always unlikely. The fourth attempt to start was perfect with no one over the line, probably a record for this class.

Barnes started near the middle of the line and had soon established an important space around his boat with its accompanying clear air. By the time he rounded the windward mark, he had recovered to fifth by the finish, which was performed without difficulty.

Behind them mistakes were made and places changed, the first being by the Jarretts, who dropped from second place to eighth on the second lap, but recovered to fifth by the finish. Of the other five British entries, the least said the better. It was not their day. The much-fancied American team had not yet made its presence felt, although a change in the weather could well bring some new faces into contention.

SECOND RACE (Wednesday 1. D Barnes (NZ), 2. J Reinders (GER), 3. D Pappas (FR), 4. G Reinders (FR), 5. D Jarrett (GB), 6. W Hunter (GB).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wild bull is back in old pasture

One of the greatest names in League history is returning to the game as a weekend coach. Vince Karalus, dubbed the Wild Bull of the Pampas by the Australians, will coach his home town team, Widnes, but at weekends only.

Karalus was one of the greatest loose forwards ever to play Rugby League. His fierce aggression on the field won him great respect from opponents and earned him his touring nickname. He captained Widnes to victory in the 1964 Challenge Cup final at Wembley against Hull Kingston Rovers and, when he retired as a player, he went into coaching and took Widnes to another Wembley victory against Warrington in 1975. He then, surprisingly, resigned to devote more time to business and family commitments. He is now a prosperous scrap metal dealer living in the Isle of Man.

Karalus will fly over for the weekend games. The midweek training sessions will be supervised by his assistant, Harry Dawson, who was joint coach during the recent Widnes Premiership triumph. The chairman of the club, Jack Hayes, said: "There have been slight problems to sort out, but we are confident that this is the start of a new era."

Widnes are hoping that the inspiration of Karalus will enable the club to continue an astonishing run of annual successes during the past decade.

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ATHLETICS

July date for Overt comeback

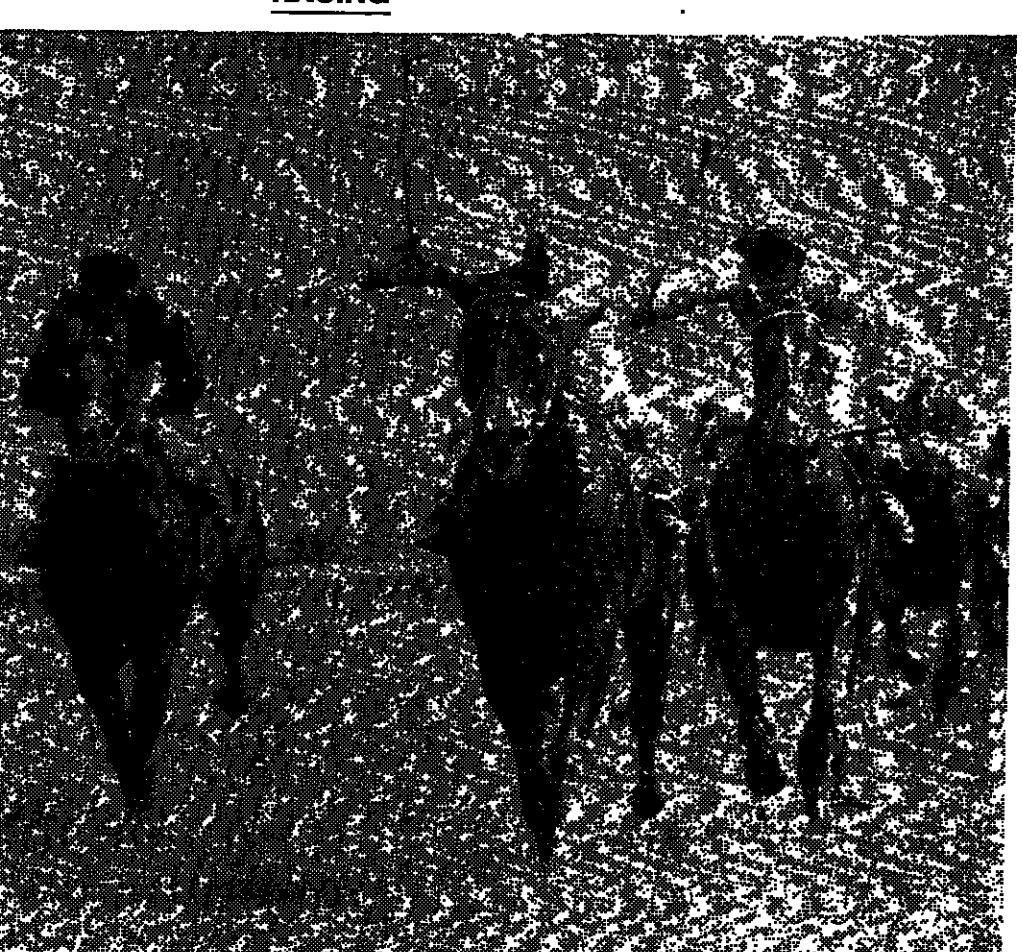
Steve Overt makes his first important appearance of the season when he runs in the 1,500 metres, his world record distance for England, at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham on July 1. Overt runs against Poland, Belgium and Austria on the same track on which Sebastian Coe was the main attraction in the match between Britain and the Soviet Union at the weekend. The July meeting is sponsored by U-Bix Copiers who also have a three-year sponsorship agreement with Overt himself.

After missing much of last season because of a serious training injury the previous winter, Overt is making no predictions about this season, which culminates with the world championships in Helsinki. "I shall take each meeting step by step. It will be a case of getting out on the track and seeing what shape I am in," he said. "I have done a full winter's training, 80 or 90 miles a week. Maybe I jumped in at the deep end when I finally came back last year. I would like to plan this season a bit better and try to find the race which fills a particular need."

There is an outside chance that Overt could be partnered at Birmingham by the European and Commonwealth champion Steve Bram, who intends to run at the meeting but has a decided whether to enter the 800 metres, 1,500 or 5,000m. "He will decide nearer the date" England's team manager Andy Norman said.

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RACING



Elain Mellor leads the way on Prominante at Lingfield

Dancing in step

We bought him out of Jeremy Hindley's stable to go hunting and he's going to make a lovely jumper." Stock Hill Lad, the 5-2 favourite for the "seller", led virtually all the way, to beat Mrs Popely by half a length. He was the first racing success for his owner-breeder, Mrs Myfanwy Fairbairn, who has a small stud with five mares at Gillingham, Dorset. Thrilled with her first winner, Mrs Fairbairn's big worry was whether she would keep him at the subsequent auction, but she was able to buy the colt in at 1,750 guineas, so just about broke even on her first success.

Henry Cecil produced an impressive newcomer, Defeating Dancer, to land odds of 7-2 laid on him with commensurate ease in the John Holdrich Maiden Stakes at sunny Yarmouth yesterday. Sheikh Mohammed's home-bred colt is now bound for Royal Ascot.

Lester Piggott had Defeating Dancer neatly tucked in behind the leaders in the early stages, as Bold Beam just sent Steel. Two furlongs out the favourite eased his way to the front, and hacked home to cross the line with two and a half lengths to spare.

"We were very happy with Defeating Dancer. It's the first chance we've had of bringing him out and he will have gained valuable experience. He will go for the Windsor Castle Stakes, although he is also in the Norfolk Stakes," said Cecil.

STATS OF GOING: Bowley: good to soft. Newbury: good to soft. Yarmouth: good.

Lingfield results

Baiting Heavy

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RACING

Piggott overweight to tip scales for Orix

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

The clash between Orix and Lord Protector in the Hermine Stakes promises to be the high spot of the racing at Newbury today. Piggott has to carry a heavy burden of responsibility for his late withdrawal from the Diomed Stakes at Epsom a week ago. So Orix still has not been since he finished second to Diomed in the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket last autumn.

Likewise, Lord Protector, a frequent galloping companion of Diomed last year, has not been seen in public since he put up that very disappointing performance in the Hyperion Stakes at Ascot last October.

Lord Protector would have been seen before now had he not been a foot in April. Today, though, he will have to carry at least 5lb overweight instead of his allotted 8st 2lb, as Lester Piggott at his very lightest does only 8st 5lb and more usually 8st 6lb. That could be the deciding factor in Orix's favour.

Hungarian Prince, who finished third in the Gifford Stakes at Newmarket, and third, too, in the XYZ Handicap at Newcastle, and Riverside Artist both have adequate form to their credit but not adequate enough to topple Orix and Lord Protector, who stand out head and shoulders above their rivals.

Piggott has another, fancied ride for Henry Cecil in the Berkshire Stakes on Rex Lake, who won his first race at Newmarket before losing his next at Goodwood, albeit by only a short head. However, it is doubtful whether Rex Lake will manage to give 7lb to Geoff Lewis's promising colt Turn and Fly who shaped so nicely at Lingfield when he finished third in the more experienced Astral King.

Milord, who finished eighth in the Gifford Stakes at Newmarket, and third, too, in the XYZ Handicap at Newcastle, and Riverside Artist both have adequate form to their credit but not adequate enough to topple Orix and Lord Protector, who stand out head and shoulders above their rivals.



Willie Carson rides Orix

lengths behind Precocious in the National Stakes at Sandown, will be a threat to Turn and Fly and Rex Lake if that race has brought him on as much as his connections hope. His rider, Pat Eddery, understandably elated after his latest classic triumph on Carleon in the French Derby, has better prospects though in the Telford Stakes on the Lingfield winner La Grigia, whose stable and travelling companion Follow Me Follow could be the one to watch for the Ashley Maiden Stakes ridden by Piggott.

Follow Me Follow is out of a half sister to Honeyblast, who was very quick but won the George Smith Memorial Handicap Stakes in his heyday. Being by Busto, Luck Penny may not boast the sort of pedigree that one associates with a fast horse but sprinting is clearly his game judged on her form this season. And with Joe Brown reducing her burden by claiming his allowance, she must have a good chance of winning the same race at the expense of Maninistart, who has been penalised for winning at Kempton.

Denied a chance of winning another Flat race at Lingfield on Monday when a waterlogged course caused the card to be abandoned early in the morning, the promising young hurdler Danvers has had another good opportunity, although more difficult than at Lingfield, in the Guinness Stayers Stakes.

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Fitting climax to a fine season

By Ian Reid

Though one fixture still remains, the Torrington Farmers' at Umberleigh on Saturday, the climax of the season was reached last week-end, with the two big hunter steeplechases at Stratford and the re-arranged Melton Hunt Club meeting at Garthorpe.

Jim Wilson can have ridden few 20-1 hunter chase winners. Yet Otter Way was allowed to start at these generous odds for the Horse and Hound Cup, even though he had been beaten by only a short head in the race last year. Incidentally, he had won it, and the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown, as long ago as 1976. Oliver Carter's wonderful 15-year-old received a rapturous welcome on his return to the winner's enclosure.

The previous evening the same owner's grey Flashlight, ridden by Polly Curlew, quickly established a long lead in the John Corbet Cup but was weakened rapidly when he unseated his rider four fences out. Housemistress seemed to be going the best of all when she was brought almost to a standstill by a loose horse at the second last, Cassa Knappe seized his opportunity, and, though Housemistress fought back, she was still a length and a half down at the finish.

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- 6.30 Breakfast Time Presented by Frank Bough and Selma Scott. News from Dabbe Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; tonight's teletext previewed between 7.15 and 7.30; a review of the morning papers at 7.30 and 7.35; pop music news between 7.30 and 7.45; horoscopes between 7.45 and 8.00; and Glyn Christian prepares a traditional Scottish dish, Achol Brochan, to Mr. Stiel's specifications. Closes down at 8.00.
- 10.00 You and Me. (10.15 For Schools, Colleges: Every day. 10.40 Mind Stretchers (ends at 10.45). 11.00 Words and Pictures. 11.17 The Global Village. 11.40 Animals in Danger. For the hearing impaired. 11.55 Closes down.
- 2.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Sandi Marshall. 1.02 Regional news (London and SE only). Financial report with headlines by news headlines with subtitles. 1.05 Day Out. Gwyn Richards visits the cathedral city of Lichfield. 1.35 Interval.
- 1.45 The Flumps. A See-Saw programme for the very young (1). 2.01 For Schools, Colleges: Animals in Danger. 2.18 Tundra. 2.40 Merry-go-round. 3.00 The Railway Story. A documentary about the railway trials of 1922, won by Stephenson's Rocket (1). 3.53 Regional news (not London or Scotland).
- 3.55 Play School. Shown earlier on BBC2. 4.20 All New Popcorn Show. Two cartoons (1). 4.40 Cheesecake. Play School. The last in the series and Keith Chegwin's guests are Bucks Fizz. 5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Wildlife. St. Hugh with the sad story of the black-browed albatross while Mike Jordan is on the trail of the mink.
- 5.40 News with Moira Stuart. 6.00 South East at Six.
- 6.25 Triangle. Episode 18 and the ferry has engine trouble in Amsterdam while Mrs. Landers and John begin a Mediterranean romance.
- 6.55 Top of the Pops. The latest popular records and the groups that have made them.
- 8.00 Fame. Drama and sub-plots about New York's High School for the Performing Arts. Coco falls for a young dancer while Miss Sherwood discovers the English student of her dreams.
- 8.50 Points of View. Barry Took with more letters of advice and condemnation from the viewing public.
- 9.00 News with John Humphrys and Campaign Report from Fred Emery includes interviews with Mrs. Thatcher, Mr. Foot and Mr. Jenkins.
- 9.55 The Vase. Marjorie's Cousin. The cousin to last night's The Boy David. David's cousin, Ian Jackson, and his wife Marjorie, want to adopt David legally, but he has no papers or official identity. He is an illegal immigrant in this country and an illegal alien in the United States. This programme follows Mrs. Jackson as she returns to the Peruvian jungle to find proof of David's identity.
- 10.45 Come Dancing presented by Peter Marshall. The first programme of the 50th series features dancers representing Scotland against Home Counties South in the neutral surroundings of the Guild Hall, Preston.
- 11.35 News headlines and weather.

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- 6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen and Anne Diamond. News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines at 6.30, sport at 6.45 and 7.45; cartoon at 6.50; Eve Pollard presents the daily papers at 7.05; Robert Kee's Election special at 7.35; pop video at 7.55; Billy Whelan's Star Forecast at 8.05; today's television previewed at 8.15; Mrs. Whitehouse discusses video nasties at 8.25; co-ordinates at 8.15. Closes down at 9.25.

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- 9.30 For Schools: Well Dressing in Derbyshire. 10.00 The Teachers between the tides. 9.55 What is an insect? 10.15 A sheep-farmer prepares for market day. 10.35 How the media reports on Britain's black population. 11.00 The role of computers in medicine. 11.22 A young nurse at a training hospital. 11.30 Life in the past at Brownhills Hall, Lancashire.
- 11.54 Cartoon Time: Popeye and the Pirates (1). 12.00 The Vegetables. 12.10 Rainbow. 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In the third of a series of interviews with the four party leaders, Julian Haviland, Political Editor, talks to Margaret Thatcher about her hopes for a second term

Mrs Thatcher: Exhilarated by the campaign

Are you exhilarated by campaigning, or is it a strain? When I am out on a campaign trail, yes, I am exhilarated by it. Nevertheless it seems to be quite a long campaign, because my mind cannot help addressing itself to the longer term problems and yet I have to discipline myself and say, no, you must not count your chickens.

It is really quite a tussle, because by nature I like to have everything prepared. I would like to know I have to make at the weekend, but unless I get it right on Thursday, I won't be able to make those decisions, so you see the constant tussle.

I think it will be because people voted for us last time to take a different direction, and they are endorsing that because they know what we are doing is fundamentally sound. They believe that, given time, it will work. So it is a combination of both.

If the electors' hope is betrayed, would you expect retribution in 1987 or 1988?

I do not believe their hope will be betrayed. I think the other way we were going led to the relative decline of this country. We are now starting to compete and I am sure the way we are going is the way to go.

When you tell a television interviewer not to stop you because you are in "full flood", is that because you are excited, or a little overbearing, or what?

No, he (Brian Walden on *Weekend World*) asked me a question about our strategy for jobs. That is crucial to the whole election, and I most certainly was not going to give only half an answer, and the advertisers had to wait.

Now you have done the job, are you more confident of your capacity than you were in your 1979 campaign?

Yes.

Is there an issue above all on which this election has turned?

I think defence has played a bigger part than in any other election I remember, and I think it is the general handling of the economy. I think the question there is do you go for the magic cure, which you know will not cure, and is not magic, and does not exist, or do you address yourself to the fundamental problems which in your heart of hearts you know you ought to have addressed yourself to years ago. That, I think, is why we are winning.

If Labour is crushed tomorrow, what effect do you think that will have on our national life?

I think it would lead to the kind of reform of the Labour Party which Gaiskell wanted to pursue, and that would be very much better for everyone, in my view - it is not my party, but in my view - because state socialism is totally alien to the British character.

6 Oh, I have lots of human weaknesses?

Your manifesto claims that the Government is "straightforward and resolute". But are you so resolute? When you face awkward decisions like whether to hold a general election you differ like most of us, don't you?

No. Once we decided to have an election we set everything in train extremely quickly. I told interviewers at the new year that asked if this was election year: "I shall not think about it until after I have been in for four years."

I thought voters might be reassured to know you have a human weakness or two.

Oh I have got lots, lots of human weaknesses, who hasn't?

When you talk of willingness to contemplate the use of weapons such as Polaris, is it enough for a Prime Minister to be resolute, patriotic, hostile to the Soviet system? Or does she need subtlety, and flexibility, and wisdom in judging an adversary's real intentions?

I think you always need subtlety and wisdom. You need to look at the facts. The facts are that Andropov has been head of the KGB; that the Soviet Union has had mounting expenditure on its defence system; has deprived its people of sufficient food and consumer goods to have mounting defence. It has mounting naval strength and submarine strength and nuclear strength.

I happen to believe that you are more likely to negotiate disarmament from strength than from weakness; more likely to be able to take a constructive but unblinkered view of the Soviet Union on other matters - trade, travel, being able to get people out - if you are strong. Strength is more likely to get disarmament on both sides.

Do you believe there will be progress towards controlled disarmament?

Yes I do. One of the things they (the Soviet Union) are waiting for is the result of this election. Chancellor Kohl's was a crucial election for the whole Western alliance. I think once he (Mr Andropov) knows he has got a strong Prime Minister, a strong Chancellor Kohl, a strong government here, he is much, much more likely to move.

You have asked for a large majority. Do you find yourself becoming impatient, as your opponents allege, with the democratic constraints on a Prime Minister's great power?

No, I do not find myself becoming impatient in any way, I am a democrat. I am here only by virtue and power of the ballot. Obviously I want maximum support for my policies. Who does

not? Of course. But I want it the only way: from the ballot box. If the electors decide in their wisdom that you should have an adequate majority for a full parliament, but no more than adequate, you will not think that unreasonable?

I have to accept the decision of the ballot box. The important thing is that the ballot box continues. I have to accept whatever is their decision. I naturally hope and want as big a support for my policies as I can possibly get, because I believe they are right, and because I think that for the world to know that I have large support means also that Britain rejects totally the kind of state socialism that has been put forward.

6 As big a majority as I can possibly get?

Will there be much room in your Cabinet for new blood?

Oh, it is always one of the very difficult questions that, you know. It is the worst thing that a prime minister has to do. Everyone says "you must get in so-and-so and so-and-so", and I say "yes, and so-and-so and so-and-so. Now tell me, who am I going to put out? You always have to keep the thing on the move, you have to, because your young people are entitled to feel that when they perform well they have some hope of being promoted."

But it is very very difficult, and you explain to people "look, it isn't that you have done things wrong,

but I just have to make room, and aren't you fortunate in a way to have had the privilege of being in government for a time." It is the most difficult thing I have to do, but it has to be done, and I have to screw myself up to do it.

But you have decided on your new appointments, haven't you? No I have not. This again is my not counting chickens. But it will not take me long to make up my mind when I face it. And always, always you must understand - I am painted as the greatest little dictator, which is ridiculous - you always take some consultations. One thing that has got to be known quickly is the name of the new Foreign Secretary and the Chancellor. Is that right?

I am not sure, because last time the majority did not come through until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon - 317 seats - and obviously I was not going to move until I knew that we had an actual majority. Now I don't know when the majority would come through this time. I am not sure whether we go to the Palace or not. I think in the past Mr Wilson and Mr Macmillan did not. But I don't know, we'll have to decide that at the time. But then, immediately one got some of one's senior colleagues here to consult, and then we started the next day. But don't forget that next day is Trooping the Colour, so I am not sure at the moment when it would be best to do any Cabinet changes. But we don't count chickens.

Has it crossed your mind that you may lose?

Yes it has crossed my mind, but it has only just flitted through it.

Tomorrow: Roy Jenkins

Frank Johnson's campaign trail

Festive greetings from Humpty Dumpty

Tomorrow the final day, will have to be spent with the Prime Minister. Yesterday, on the penultimate day, what could there possibly be left to see or hear? Labour's morning press conference? It announced the findings of the latest Healey Poll. This showed that Labour would win the election. Giving the details, Mr Denis Healey said that the polls in the national newspapers did not tally with those carried out in individual constituencies by regional newspapers, and by Labour's private pollsters.

No doubt Dr David Butler has an answer to that argument. But Mr Healey went ahead and gave us his figures. His statistical sample appeared to be drawn from a representative cross section of Labour voters.

Next, Mr Roy Hattersley got up, unveiled a chart on an easel and started talking rapidly about social spending. Mr Michael Foot, and the rest of us, slumped.

"Compassion guides all we do," Mr Hattersley found himself saying, in what we must hope was a subliminal reference to the way in which Mr Foot should be treated by his party after Thursday.

In about a week from now Mr Hattersley's speeches will become interesting again. For they will be concerned with denunciations of the left for costing Labour the election. Until then, there is no further interest in what he has to say on any subject - unless of course he cares to start making those speeches before tomorrow.

Next, Mr Foot, asked to talk about Mr Kinross's views on the battle of Goose Green, talked about Mr Kinross's views on youth unemployment, and the way in which they had not been given equal prominence by television.

It was time to flee. But to where? Mr Clive Jenkins was going on a walkabout in Bethel Green, said the Labour Party's list of the day's engagements. Must avoid Bethel Green, then.

At Peterborough there was to be a meeting addressed by Lord Kaldor, one of the leading figures in the Hungarian uprising against the British economy in the 1960s.

Mr Foot was off to Wales. Mr Silkin was somewhere in Kent, Mr Benn in Bristol.

Consistent with the list's endearing policy of not leaving out completely obscure trade unionists, there were a few less than five engagements for Mr Jack Boddy.

One assumed him to be an obscure trade unionist. Whoever he was, he would be walking about in Repton, it said. Perhaps he was just doing his shopping. If not, let us hope that the Repton police had no difficulty in identifying the Boddy.

No, it was time to seek solace in this ever-changing world by rejoining the campaign of Mr Roy Jenkins. He was last seen in this space at the start of the campaign, charming the female shoppers in Peterborough.

Yesterday, we caught up with him charming the female shoppers in Guildford. Assuming that they were not the same female shoppers being used around the country by the SDP, Mr Jenkins is now even more admired by female shoppers.

I am not persuaded that Mr Jenkins's comfortable campaign style has been a handicap to the Alliance. He has that element of self-parody always present in truly serious people.

It is a little lacking in Mr Jenkins's "house" in Mrs Thatcher, much of her "house" being attributable to it. People recognize it immediately in a politician, and like it, for it creates a character.

Yesterday a large, fat chef, with a bushy beard and a chef's hat, stalked across the street at Farnham to ask Mr Jenkins to lift the value-added tax on restaurants, conscious perhaps that this politician was a trenchant international class who had eaten for England in the gastronomic capital of Europe, Brussels.

"I like big men in small businesses," beamed Mr Jenkins. The chef thought him an extremely good sort.

Mr Jenkins put his face through the window of a car in a traffic jam. Having that similar, agreeable, Humpty Dumpty head suddenly in your vehicle, must have been unnerving at first.

But the two occupants and Mr Jenkins got on very well because all three turned out to be Welsh. What did he say, I asked the woman in the passenger seat. "Merry Christmas and happy New Year," she said.

This seemed odd. But she quoted Mr Jenkins as saying that these were among the few words he knew in Welsh.

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Today's events

Royal Engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh give a reception at Buckingham Palace for the World Cup Cricket teams.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Chancellor, visits Cambridge University for two days, arriving 3.15.

The Prince of Wales attends the launch of the Conservation Development Programme for the United Kingdom at Logan Hall, London University, 20 Bedford Way, WC1, 10.

Princess Anne dines with the Prime Minister and the Court of the

Fishmongers' Company at Fishmongers' Hall, 7.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief of the Gloucestershire Regiment, accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, attends the Beating of Retreat by massed bands of the Regiments of the Prince of Wales's Division, Horse Guards Parade, 6.20.

The Duke of Kent visits the Courage Brewery at Reading 11.30, and opens the Reading Information Technology Centre, 12.20.

Princess Alexandra visits the headquarters of the Royal College of Companies, Wenlock Road, NI, 2.30.

New exhibitions

Penny dreadfuls and comics 1860-1960, Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, E2; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.50, closed Fridays (until Oct 2).

The Islamic Perspective: Islamic influence on British architecture and design in the nineteenth century, Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Road, W14; Mon to Fri 11 to 6, Sat 11 to 5 (until July 23).

Paintings by Guy Raddon, Holmes Place Gallery, 188 Fulham Palace, SW10; Mon to Fri 10 to 9, Sat 10 to 6 (until June 18).

Cosmo Clark retrospective, Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton Street, SE1; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 6 (until June 30).

Talks

Dictates of fashion 1760-1800, by S. M. Brock, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 2.

Fifty Years Hard: an author looks back, by Geoffrey Trease, Nottingham Festival, Trent Polytechnic, Shakespeare Street, Nottingham, 7.

Manuscript illumination, 12, and Book of Hours, 2, by Jane Lee, British Library.

Art between the wars de Chirico and the origins of surrealism, by Richard Huelsenbeck, Cubism vs naturalism, by Chris Green, 6.30, Tate Gallery.

Christianity and the arts - on literature, by the Very Rev D. L. Edwards, Southwark Cathedral, 1.10.

The church from the beginning to 1666, by Dr Richard Cox, St Mary le Bow Crypt, EC4, 1.05.

The Parthenon sculptures: the frieze, by Ian Jenkins, 11.30; Marble sculptures: cleaning and conservation, by Geoffrey Foster, 1.15; British Museum.

Courbet and Millet, by Felicity Woolf, National Gallery.

Norman Mailer, with Melvyn Bragg, on his new book *American*, ICA, The Mall.

Celia Fennes at Bretby, by Charles Saumarez Smith, Victoria and Albert, 1.15.

Music

Recital by Esther Lamandier, St John's Church, South Parade, 1. Recital by Noël Leo, Assembly Rooms, 7.30; both in Bath Festival.

Organ recital by Roy Massey, Hereford Cathedral, 1.15.

City and County in Concert: Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, with Nigel Kennedy (violin), Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham, 7.30.

John Williams and friends play Vivaldi, Guildhall, Portsmouth, 7.30.

Cambridge University Musical Society concert, Kings College Chapel, Cambridge, 8.30.

Piano recital by Sandra Rigby, St Mark's Regent's Park, 8.

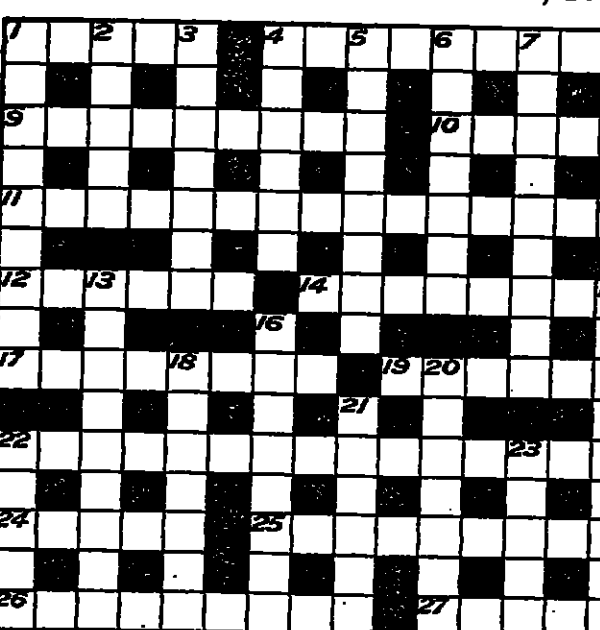
Concert by the Alexandra Ensemble, Cyril Fradan, 23 Lower Addison Gardens, W14, 7.45.

British Evening, City of London Sinfonia, Barbican Centre, 7.45.

Concert by Morley College Choir and Chamber Orchestra, Southwark Cathedral, 8.

Alterations with Misha Mengelberg (piano), The Almeida, 295 Upper Street, Islington, 8.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,150



- ACROSS
- West's partner rather than North's returned diamond, say (5).
 - Edgar's men destroyed force across the Channel (9).
 - Clothes has nothing to say about suit (9).
 - Kind old writer (5).
 - Where infant gets fed up? (4, 5).
 - Pale as I ac, proverbially (9).
 - West's mishap? Nothing for a change, at first (8).
 - Wood-cutting noticed robbers (4, 5).
 - Former trap, some say, on Devon coast (7).
 - Escort ordered for flier (6).
 - Musical guidelines for the workers (5).
 - Unsuccess in 8 of a resident magistrate (5).
- Solution of Puzzle No 16,149
- DOWN
- Member of fencing school? (9).
 - Cricket side with spinner, in addition (2, 3).
 - Let's specify what makes it non-U (7).

German measles

In view of the rising number of cases of German measles, women planning to start a family, who do not know if they are immune to the disease, are advised to consult their doctor or ask to be vaccinated at their clinic. If the disease is contracted in the first 16 weeks of pregnancy, the baby may be born with one or several handicaps.

Vaccination before pregnancy is the only way for a woman to ensure protection of the first 16 weeks. It is not already immune. A woman who is already pregnant and who thinks she might have been in contact with someone with German measles during the first 16 weeks should see her doctor immediately. A simple blood test should determine whether she is protected against the disease.

Anniversaries

Frank Lloyd Wright, architect was born at Richfield, Wisconsin, 1867. Death: Harcourt, home of England (1040-42) and of Denmark, London, 1942; Andrew Jackson (Child Hickory), seventh President of the United States (1829-37), Nashville, Tennessee, 1845; Sir Joseph Paxton, designer of the Crystal Palace, London, 1865; Gerald Massey Hopkins, Dublin, 1889; Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov (new style June 21), Leningrad, Soviet Union, 1908; Helen Carrara, poet, New Canaan, Connecticut, 1929.

The pound

	Bank	Bank
	Buyers	Sellers
Australia \$	29.55	27.90
Belgium Fr	83.60	78.50
Canada \$	1.99	1.91
Denmark Kr	14.97	14.22
Finland Mk	9.86	8.58
France Fr	12.47	11.92
Germany DM	41.77	3.96
Greece Dr	136.00	128.00
Hong Kong \$	12.50	11.55
Ireland Pt	1.32	1.25
Italy Lira	2475.00	2355.00
Japan Yen	396.00	376.00
Netherlands Gld	4.68	4.45
Norway Kr	11.80	11.28
Portugal Esc	168.00	154.00
Spain Ptas	223.50	212.50
Sweden Kr	12.38	11.85
Switzerland Fr	3.45	3.28
USA \$	1.62	1.56
Yugoslavia Dnr	139.00	131.00

Roads

London and South-East: A40: Roadworks both ways on Western Avenue, Perivale. Bypassing of Retreat: Horse Guards Parade, The Mall and Birdcage Walk closed 6 to 8pm. A322: Roadworks southbound at Redcliffe Gardens, part of Earls Court one-way system.

Midlands: M1: One carriageway shared between junctions 28 to 29 (A58 Mansfield to A617 Chesterfield). M6: Northbound entry slip road closed at junction 2 (M69 and Coventry East); M59/M6 junction 2 closed.

North: M6: Resurfacing northbound between junctions 32 and 33 (M55 turn-off to Lancaster South); diversions possible. M6: One carriageway shared between junctions 19 and 20 (Chester). A69: Roadworks at Barton Mill, Northumberland. Wales and West: M6: Northbound carriageway shared between junctions 8 (M50 junction) and 9 (A66 junction). A58: Lane closures at Marsh Mill, Leicestershire. Devon, Sheep Street, Cirencester, closed; diversion.

Scotland: M9: One carriageway shared between junctions 5 and 7 (Glasgow to Kilmarnock Bridge). A7: Single lane only on London Road, Mount Vernon, Glasgow. A9: Northbound carriageway shared at Ballynabry, Tayside.

Pollen forecast

	High	Low
Marshall	mod	3 to 6 pm
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Lighting-up time

	London	Other
London	6.44 pm to 11.15 pm	
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Yesterday

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Belfast	27	70
Birmingham	27	70
Bristol	27	70
Cardiff	27	70
Edinburgh	27	70
Glasgow	27	70
London	27	70
Manchester	27	70
Newcastle	27	70
Nottingham	27	70
Sheffield	27	70
Southampton	27	70
Stoke	27	70
Swansea	27	70
Torquay	27	70
Wolverhampton	27	70
Wrexham	27	70

Highest and lowest

	Highest	Lowest
Belfast	27	70
Birmingham	27	70
Bristol	27	70
Cardiff	27	70
Edinburgh	27	70
Glasgow	27	70
London	27	70
Manchester	27	70
Newcastle	27	70
Nottingham	27	70
Sheffield	27	70
Southampton	27	70
Stoke	27	70
Swansea	27	70
Torquay	27	70
Wolverhampton	27	70
Wrexham	27	70

Weather forecast

A depression with associated frontal troughs will move steadily northwards

6 am to midnight

London, East Angles, SE England, Midlands: Thunder showers soon dying out, sunny periods, perhaps scattered showers later; wind S or SW, moderate, locally fresh; max 18 to 20C (64 to 68F).

Central, SW England, Channel Islands: S.W. wind, sunny periods, showers later, heavy in places; wind mainly S, moderate, locally fresh at first; max 17 to 19C (63 to 66F).

NE England, Yorkshire, scattered showers later, sunny intervals; wind SE, veering S or SW, moderate, locally fresh at first; max 14 to 16C (57 to 61F).

Wales, NW, Central N England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Cloudy, drizzly rain, showers, sunny intervals; wind moderate or heavy; max 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).

SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy, drizzly rain, showers, sunny intervals; wind variable, cyclonic, becoming NW, light or moderate; normal max 15 to 17C (59 to 63F).

Shetland: Bright, cloudier later, rain in places; wind SE, moderate, locally fresh; max 12 to 14C (54 to 57F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Sunny intervals and showers, thundery in places, becoming dry from W on Friday. Near normal temperatures.

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